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MEETING

OF THE

GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Eighteenth Annual meeting of the General Executive Committee convened in St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, Thursday, October 20, 1887, and continued in session eight days. It was a meeting of very great interest, and deep spiritual power. All that generous Western hospitality could do to make a successful meeting, was done by a very efficient local committee.

The presence of several returned missionaries fresh from their fields of labor, added greatly to the interest of the occasion. Miss Thoburn, our first missionary, Miss Phoebe Rowe, and Miss Hettie Mansell, of India, Miss Hampton of Hakodati, Miss Atkinson of Tokyo, and Miss Gheer, of Fukuoka Japan, brought these countries and the work very near by their representations.

The devotional hour of each day, wherein the trials and triumphs of the past year were reviewed and fresh consecrations made for future work, will long linger in the memory of those present.

In the following pages will be found the reports, both of the Home and Foreign work, which were presented at this meeting. These show the progress made in the work for a year, and are well worthy of thoughtful and careful consideration. The appropriations of each Branch for the coming year; the reports of the Publication Committee; and of that on Missionary Candidates; the amount of money raised each year since the organization of the Society; the names and addresses of our missionaries both in actual service and at home; a summary of Home and Foreign work; the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society; instructions to missionaries; and much other valuable information can be found herein; and those interested can become thoroughly informed of the Society's work, if they will only study these pages.

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OF THE

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1887.

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GENERAL SUMMARY.

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY of the Methodist Episcopal Church celebrated its Eighteenth Anniversary on Sabbath evening, October 23rd, in St. Paul Church, Lincoln, Nebraska. Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, of New York, presided, and Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Secretary, presented a general summary of the work of the year. From this, a few extracts are made.

The growth and development of this Society have been watched with the most careful and prayerful solicitude. Its 18th year has been its best. Why does this society exist? Simply to tell the women of the world of the Crucified One. Its only hope of success is based on this: "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for *ours* only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

In rebuilding a Buddhist temple in Japan recently, every person throughout a certain district was called upon to make some contribution. The women were appealed to, but said, "We have no money; we can not give to this cause." But womanly ingenuity came to the rescue, and it was decided they should give their long flowing hair. But of what use can that be in building a temple? There was more than a ton of this hair contributed, from which strong ropes were made, and with these ropes every timber of the temple put in place. The women of the Methodist church all over our land have made offerings this past year of head and heart, have given time, thought and prayer to help rear temples for the living God in all parts of the heathen world. The cap-stones of these temples have been brought forth with joy, and we record the triumphs of another year.

HOME WORK.

In working for any object, it is a great satisfaction to see results. The Home Work is represented by 4,383 auxiliary societies, and 115,000 members, a large increase over the previous year. Honorary managers, life patrons and life members have been added. Sixteen thousand mite boxes and barrels have been distributed to gather up the mites, and the treasury shows that "love has driven the chariot wheels," and the purse has yielded to this powerful impulse.

The receipts of the fiscal year from October 1st, 1886, to October 1st, 1887, have been as follows:

New England Branch.....	\$22,983 97
New York “	40,089 34
Philadelphia “	16,919 60
Cincinnati “	28,632 72
Baltimore “	8,909 25
Northwestern “	40,376 73
Des Moines “	11,590 72
Minneapolis “	12,095 23
Topeka “	9,560 57
Total.....	\$191,158 13
Last year's receipts.....	167,098 85
Advance.....	\$24,059 28

Five thousand dollars of this amount was the bequest of Mrs. J. T. Harrison, former treasurer of the Minneapolis Branch. Mrs. H. was intensely interested in the uplifting of women everywhere, and part of this money will be applied to establishing an Industrial School in Tokyo, Japan. The remaining \$186,000 came by “two cents a week and a prayer.”

The various secretaries report all financial obligations met, their fields thoroughly tilled, Bands organized among young people and children, Conference and District Associations held, missionary literature scattered broadcast, and intelligence and zeal increased.

LITERATURE.

Among the literature of the Society, the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, the official organ of the Society, has the widest influence. This paper is the medium of communication with our missionaries and their work. It has now 19,987 subscribers, a slight increase over last year. It should be in the hands of everyone of our 115,000 members. This paper is not supported by any missionary money, but pays its own way, and meets from its surplus funds the cost of thousands of pages of missionary literature each year.

GERMAN PAPER.

The *Heiden Frauen Freund* is an eight-page monthly paper, edited by Mrs. Dr. Warren, and published in German by the society for the use of our German members and missionary workers. It has 1680 subscribers, of whom 80 are in Germany, and 57 in Switzerland. It has only been established two years.

LEAFLETS.

Missionary leaflets have been distributed more abundantly the past year than ever before. For nine years this department of work has been carried on, and from small beginnings it has grown to be a great power. There

have been printed and sent out 3,296,000 pages this year, which is an increase of a million and a quarter pages over the preceding year. Over half a million of these have been for children and young people. Eight of the sixty-two varieties published, or forty-four thousand pages, have been in German, and sent to our German auxiliary societies.

THE ZENANA PAPER.

At the session of the General Executive Committee in 1883, the proposition was made by returned missionaries, that a Christian paper be established for the women of India, and printed in their own language. Twenty-five thousand dollars was considered necessary for its endowment. The paper was established, and only a small balance remains to be collected. This paper is published in North India, in Hindi and Urdu; in South India, in Tamil and Bengali. These have a monthly circulation of five thousand, and it is estimated that not less than twenty thousand women in the Zenanas of India have this paper coming to them every month.

OUR MISSIONARIES.

We call them ours, and so they are, for what we work for, love and pray for, rightly belongs to us. The Society supports about seventy missionaries in the mission fields of the church. During the year Misses Hampton, Gheer and Atkinson have returned from Japan, Dr. Pray and Miss Fisher from China, Miss Mansell from India, and Miss Hastings from Mexico, all broken in health.

To re-inforce the work, Miss Ayres and Miss Field have been sent to Mexico, and Miss Shaw, Miss Hartford, Dr. Edna Terry, Dr. May Carlton to China. Miss Wheeler, after a year's rest, has returned to China, Dr. Meta Howard and Miss L. Rothweiler have gone to Korea. Miss R. is the first gift of German Methodism to our work.

Miss Ella Fincham has been sent to Bulgaria. Miss Vance has gone to Japan, Miss Abrams, Miss Miller and Miss Hughes to India. Miss S. Blackmore, of Australia, approved by the South India Conference, has been accepted, and sent to Singapore, making in all fifteen added to the working force during the year.

DEATHS.

The Society is not without its shadows. Miss Hattie Kerr returned from India, and after long months of suffering passed from her home in Ann Arbor, Mich., to her eternal home, December 11, 1886. She lives in the hearts of many who knew her, and whom she helped.

Miss Florence Nickerson went to India in 1880, and returning home, died on board an English steamer, and was buried in the Gulf of Aden, January 31st, 1887. An Indian paper contains the following incident:

"One day a man came to the school in Pithoragarh, bearing on his back his girl, whom, thinking she was dying, he wished to make over to the school, and so be saved further trouble and expense. A miserable object in

human shape it was, but it had a soul, and to help and save souls Miss Nickerson had come across the waters. That little diseased one was gathered into loving arms, and there held night and day and every remedy tried till she was cured. Two nights the lady sat up with that little thing held in her arms, so that she might get rest some way. This little girl had been in the village school, and knew and loved Miss Nickerson, and begged her father to take her to the Christians, as she wished to be buried there. She lives, and is one of God's own little ones, saved through Miss Nickerson's efforts.

"Saved through her,"—this is the climax.

"'Tis worth living for this,
To administer bliss and salvation
In Jesus' name."

Japan, China, Africa, America and India hold our dead, and now the Gulf of Aden, enfolding the remains of Florence Nickerson, sends back to us from its restless waters, a call that others may be borne onward to fill the vacant place.

FOREIGN WORK.

Surveying the fields as reported, we find every department of work moving with rapid strides, flourishing schools of every character filled and overflowing, native women converted and teaching from house to house, medical missionaries giving help and comfort in their bedside ministrations; and many accepting the blessed truths of the gospel. We see also laborers weary and overworked, the agencies insufficient to meet the marvellous openings; heathen, like Nicodemus of old, coming secretly and at night to inquire concerning the way of life, and every occupied station calling for more help.

The full detail of work connected with our mission fields is found in printed report; also a summary giving the number of missionaries, teachers, and all agencies employed. Let it be studied carefully.

Some say, "What are the practical results of all this work?" Let the reply come from regenerated souls in heathen lands! "I die in the faith," said a woman to the missionary, "and I owe all, under God, to your taking me when a little heathen girl, and bringing me to the Saviour." A Chinese woman, a cripple, went a long distance for a second visit to the missionary, and when asked what she remembered from the talk on the previous Sabbath, said, "I am old, my heart is thick, I have no memory, only two things do I remember." "What are they?" "You said, 'God is my Father, and Jesus Christ died on the cross to save me.'"

Barbarossa was marching at the head of his army for the re-conquest of Jerusalem when he received word that his son was dead. He was overcome with grief, and commanded his soldiers to halt. The monarch recovered himself, and said, "Alas, my son is dead, but Christ lives, and there is no time to halt."

There are hungry ones longing for the "Bread of life;" there are thirsty ones desiring to "draw water out of the wells of salvation;" there are naked ones waiting to be clothed with the "robe of righteousness;" there are prisoners anxious to be released from their fetters by "the Truth;" there are sick ones hoping they may "touch the hem of His garment" and be "made whole." "*There is no time to halt.*"



REPORT OF FOREIGN WORK.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

South America; and North China	MRS. ALDERMAN.
Rohilkund District; Korea; and Central China	MRS. SKIDMORE.
Mexico; and Tokyo, Japan	MRS. KEEN.
Foochow, China; and Madras	MISS HART.
Oudh District, India; Nagasaki, Japan	MRS. COWEN.
Italy, Bulgaria and Bombay	MRS. HOAG.
Hakodati and Hirosaki	MRS. HUSTON.
Bengal Conference	MRS. NIND.
Kumaon District, India	MRS. PATTEE.

TREASURERS IN FOREIGN FIELDS.

North India	MISS LOUISE E. BLACKMAR.
South India	" SARAH DELINE.
Madras, India	" MARY A. HUGHES.
Calcutta, "	" MARGARET C. HEDRICK.
Singapore, "	" SOPHIA BLACKMORE.
Foochow, China	" CARRIE I. JEWELL.
Peking, "	" ANNA B. SEARS.
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Kiu Kiang, "	" GERTRUDE HOWE.
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Hakodati, "	MISS ELLA J. HEWETT.
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Bulgaria	" LINNA A. SCHENCK.
Rosario, South America	" JENNIE M. CHAPIN.
Montevideo and Buenos Ayres	MRS. C. W. DREES.
Mexico City	MISS MARY DE F. LOYD.
Pachuca, Mexico.	" MARY HASTINGS.

IN INDIA ;

In addition to the 18 missionaries of the *North India Conference*, our Society, and the wives of missionaries in charge of work, the following are employed as assistant missionaries, zenana and boarding-school teachers: Mrs. Whitby, Miss Thornton, Miss Boyd, Mrs. Grant, Miss H. Singh, Miss

Mary King, Miss Carleyle, Miss Gow, Mrs. Worthington, Miss Seymour, Miss M. Seymour, Miss Watson, Miss D'Abreu, Miss Thompson, Miss De Souza, Miss Annie De Souza, Miss Newton, Miss Simpson, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Butterfield, Mrs. Jarbo, Miss French, Miss Daugherty, Miss Connelly, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Chuckerbutti, Miss Ormond, Miss De Castro, Mrs. Can, Mrs. Ward, Miss Watson, Miss De Zones, Miss Hoff, Miss Boyd, Miss Sparham, Miss Tyler, Miss Paul, Mrs. Pinto, Miss Wischam, Miss Fitzpatrick and Miss Pierra, besides 6 medical assistants, 194 Bible women and 115 native Christian teachers. There are in boarding schools 780, in day schools 3,609, 4,014 zenanas regularly visited. *In South India*, are 6 missionaries, 2 boarding schools, and a rapidly increasing zenana work; besides 6 medical assistants, 188 Bible women, and 103 Christian teachers. There are in boarding schools 700, in day schools 3000. 2,970 zenanas regularly visited.

The working force consists of Mrs. Whitby, Miss Mispelaur, Miss Boyd, Mrs. Grant, Misses King, Hunter and Fleming, Mrs. Worthington, Miss Torndorf, Miss Seymour, Miss M. Seymour, Mrs. Smith, Miss Waddingham, Miss Thompson, Miss Ledley, Mrs. Jarbo, Mrs. Chuckerbutty, Miss Singh, Miss Connelly, Miss De Castro, Miss French, Miss Ormon, Miss D'Abreu, Miss Alice D'Abreu, Miss Souza, Miss Tiernan, Miss Tyler, Miss Langley, Miss Roberts, Miss Gilbert, Miss Paul, Miss Ward, Miss Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Hunt.

We have —

IN CHINA ;

Fifteen missionaries, 38 day schools, 4 boarding schools, 3 training schools, 4 hospitals and dispensaries.

IN JAPAN ;

Fourteen missionaries, 4 boarding schools, 12 day schools, 12 Bible readers, and 3 training schools for evangelistic work.

IN BULGARIA ;

Two missionaries, 1 boarding school and 5 day schools.

IN JAPAN ;

Fifteen Bible women employed under one lady missionary.

IN SOUTH AMERICA ;

Three missionaries, 1 boarding and 11 day schools.

IN MEXICO ;

Eight missionaries, 1 orphanage, 1 boarding school, 8 day schools, 8 Bible women and 10 teachers.

ROHILKUND DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS FANNIE SPARKES (home on leave),	MISS FANNY M. ENGLISH,
MISS MARY CHRISTIANCY, M. D.,	MISS SARAH LAUCK,
MISS CLARA A. DOWNEY,	MISS ANNA LAWSON.
MISS KATE McDOWELL, M. D.	

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. E. W. PARKER,	MRS. T. J. SCOTT,
MRS. N. L. ROCKEY,	MRS. W. S. BARE.
MRS. L. R. HOSKINS,	MRS. F. W. NEELD.

By the action of the Central Conference in forming three conferences in India, and readjusting boundaries, this district acquired considerable territory on the West side of the Ganges. The principal point of interest there is Agra, where twelve of our mission girls are studying in the medical college. Mr. and Mrs. Clancy have charge of the work on that circuit. A valuable property has been secured for a home for the girls and for general missionary work. Two native preachers and their wives have opened work in Mothra, a celebrated Hindu city and shrine. Several zenanas are regularly visited, and schools will be opened as soon as money can be secured for this purpose. Work has also been opened in several places in the new territory which was granted to the Amroha district, and several inquirers are reported in these places. A number of new Sunday schools have been opened, and the work seems in every way most encouraging. The work in the Amroha district, which is a part of the Province of Rohilkund, is being carried on very successfully under the charge of Mrs. Haqq. Several women and girls have been baptized recently, and a large number of inquirers are reported among the women in the district.

BIJNOUR.

The work in Bijnour, under the charge of Mrs. Rockey, assisted by Mrs. Worthington, has gone on very encouragingly. During the cold season the work in the out-stations was visited and more thoroughly organized. The number of girls in the boarding school has increased, so that the school numbers more than fifty, and others are proposing to come next year. The work in Najibabad has sustained a severe loss in the death of Mrs. Henrietta McGregor, who has been for many years a most earnest, faithful worker, and has never asked for any compensation from mission funds. She has gone to receive her reward at the Master's hands. She passed away early one Sabbath morning, just at the time the Muhammadan girls were gathering for their Sunday school. When they heard the sad news of their teacher's death, they went and sat and wept with the bereaved family. Mrs. McGregor was one of the Bareilly orphan girls. Her work in that city will live, and the seed she has sown beside all waters will bring forth precious fruit.

MORADABAD.

The work in Moradabad in all its departments has gone on as usual. There has been a large increase in the number of girls in the boarding school both as boarders and day scholars. A large class of girls from twelve to fifteen years of age who had never been in school before, have come in from the villages in the district. Some of them had not been baptized, and had been betrothed as children to boys who are now attending the mission school here. When the boys went home for their vacation, they informed the parents of these girls, that if they expected them to marry these girls to whom they had been betrothed in the days of their ignorance, the girls must be sent to school. The girls seem very happy in school, and are improving rapidly. There are thirteen schools for Hindu and Muhammadan girls in the city, and several primary schools are carried on among the lower classes. These schools give us access to the people, and the work we are able to do, especially in the Sunday schools connected with them, is most encouraging. Some new schools have been opened in Chandausi, and the work in the other out-stations is being carried on successfully by the Bible women and teachers, who work not only in the place where they live, but in all the neighboring villages.

ZENANA WORK IN MORADABAD.

IN CHARGE OF MISS LAUCK.

In the Moradabad zenana work we have one hundred and seventy houses, all of which are visited once a week, and one hundred and eighty pupils receive instruction in Urdu, Hindi, arithmetic, knitting, etc., from us. In some of the families we have two or three pupils, while in others the women simply listen to us while we sing, read and talk to them. Though we would wish all the women whom we visit to learn to read, still we are very glad to gain access to those who welcome us for the sake of our Bible teaching, and in every case I explain to the women that our main object in visiting them is to teach them of Christ, and to help them to have pure hearts and lives, although we are more than willing to teach them to read, write, etc. Oftentimes my heart is made very glad by the eagerness with which the women listen to the story of Christ, and I firmly believe that not a few of them are numbered among His little ones. Only within the past week I have had two conversations with a Hindu woman, whose heart seemed literally hungry to understand the love of God, and to know how she could find salvation, and be assured that she would go to heaven after death. Her eager, earnest questions and ready reception of the truth, touched me greatly and I felt that truly God is blessing our efforts to labor for Him among the women of India. Sometimes, however, my teaching is strongly opposed, and especially by the old, old women, some of whom are bent almost double with age; and I often think that if it were not for their

opposition, I would find very little trouble in impressing the truths of the gospel upon the minds of the younger women of the household. I believe the Hindus are more ready to receive and accept our teaching than the Muhammadans, but many of our most interesting, promising women are found in the Muhammadan families visited by us. In one Muhammadan house I was telling the women that Christ only could remove the stains of sin from our hearts, making them perfectly clean, when an old woman from a neighboring house came in. She was going to leave at once, but one of the women whom I was visiting, said to her, "Come, sit down, she is telling us how we may have pure hearts," and the old woman sat down and listened with the others. One young Muhammadan woman whom I visited, had, when I first saw her, been suffering from fever for many months, and on each succeeding visit I found her weaker than before. I tried to the best of my ability to lead her to Christ, her Saviour, and she seemed to appreciate my visits greatly, and to believe that only through Christ could she find salvation. The last time I saw her she was about leaving her home to go to the mountains, hoping to regain her strength in the cool bracing air of the hills, but I learned this morning that she has been dead for several months. I am not without hope that before death came, she found the salvation which she seemed to appreciate, and to understand as well. A young Hindu woman, a teacher in one of our city schools, died several weeks ago. One of my Bible women had been teaching her arithmetic, and several times I talked to her about Jesus. I saw her about one week before her death, and she was suffering very greatly, but she talked to me intelligently, and I feel sure that Christ had taken possession of her heart. We have opened between forty and fifty new houses since Conference. I am sure God is helping us in our work.

MEDICAL WORK.

The medical work, in charge of Dr. McDowell, has been carried on as usual. Large numbers of women and children are treated daily in the dispensary, and visits are made to the homes of the people when required. A Bible woman is employed to give religious instruction to those who come to the dispensary. The women are generally fond of hearing our religious songs, and often will wait a long time until there is an opportunity for singing. Dr. McDowell spent some weeks in Panna attending the Rani there, who is the one who sent the message to the Queen, which led to the inauguration of the Lady Dufferin movement for providing medical aid for the women of India. The Rani seems to have been much pleased with the doctor, and very reluctantly consented to have her leave her, asking her to promise to come again soon. In the absence of Dr. McDowell, Mrs. Jane Plumer, who has been connected with this work for many years, carried on the work very efficiently.

REPORT OF GIRLS' ORPHANAGE IN BAREILLY.

MISS F. ENGLISH IN CHARGE.

Thus far this year the dear Lord's watchful care has been over the orphanage. No serious illness has come to us, although the season has been a very trying one.

The middle of May our school closed for a six weeks' vacation. My assistants all went away for a vacation except Miss D'Abreu, who remained to help me, and excellent help she always gives, too. After school closed we commenced having prayer meetings every morning with the girls. Then Miss Leonard came to us, and during the five days of her stay among us she rendered very efficient service. Some were converted, and many were much quickened and helped.

I have four assistants this year. Miss D'Abreu has charge, or rather oversight, of all the Bible classes. She is also of great help in prayer meetings and in personal effort among the girls, frequently doing work that with my limited knowledge of the language I could not do.

Miss L. Thompson, my second assistant, has charge of the primary department of the school. She has some native assistants, but so many little ones give her plenty to do. They generally come to us without any idea of order or discipline, and it is no light matter to get them under training, but "Miss Lottie," as we generally call her, is very patient with them, and they soon learn that they must submit to authority. Miss DeSouza and Miss DeCastro came to me about the close of last year. They are mostly engaged in teaching, although they help with the work classes, giving out stores, etc. They are doing good work.

Among the native women who help me in the school are Persis McCune, Eliza Joel, and Buddhiya Sweet. Persis is one of the nicest native women I have seen, she is always quiet and ladylike. Buddhiya and Eliza Joel are faithful at their work. I believe they are all orphanage girls, a monument of Miss Sparkes' tender care, and careful guidance. Mary Janvier, Joel Janvier's youngest daughter, also teaches. She is a nice quiet girl and was educated in Miss Thoburn's school. Rachel, one of our girls who went from us a little over a year ago, has finished her course. When she learned that she could not recover, she wrote a note of farewell to us all, saying she was going to heaven. She was such a happy bride, and wanted so much to work for the Master, and we hoped for so much from her. But her work is finished, and she is safe with the dear Saviour she had learned to love. Sometimes as we go on with our work day after day, and month after month, it seems as if we do not accomplish much. But who can estimate the value of even one soul thus saved and made fit to enter the abode of the blest? Our girls leave us and go to homes of their own, and others come and take their places, and so, gradually the light is spreading and souls are being brought to a knowledge of the love of Christ.

Our girls who are attending the Medical College in Agra, all passed good examinations last year, and Minnie Quinn, who is on the last year of her course, has led her class every year. At the last examination she not only led her class, but shared the honor of leading the college with a *boy*, their standing being the same. We hope they may keep humble and near to the Saviour, that when their studies are finished they may go out to accomplish much for their sisters who have not been so highly favored as they.

ZENANA WORK IN BAREILLY, IN CHARGE OF MISS DOWNEY.

We visited about 135 houses this year, but of course the number of women is much greater than this. Some very interesting houses have been opened to us, a few of which I wish to tell you about. In the early part of the year, while we were visiting in one of the houses regularly visited, a number of women and girls came in, among which was a little girl, who at once began urging us to go to her home, saying that they had just come from Agra and that there a Miss Sahib used to visit and teach them. We went to the house and found the mother of this girl to be very bright and pleasant. She was expecting us and was glad to have us come and to find that she could continue her studies. I arranged to have the house visited regularly, and she improves fast in her reading. As we left that house another woman called to us. We found that this woman also was a stranger here, having just come from the mountains, and she was both lonely and homesick. She seemed very glad to see us and told me about her mountain home, and that a missionary lady had visited and taught her there, and she had been watching for me to go by, having heard that we came to that street every week. She reads Hindi very well, and said that she wanted to learn either Urdu or English, so that when her husband was away from home and wrote to her she could read his letter for herself, for she did not like to have other people know everything he wrote to her. She said she had tried in every way to get him to learn Hindi, but he would not, so the only thing she could do was to learn either Urdu or English, as he knew both. I was pleased with her motive for learning a new language, for she knows Hindi very well. She began Urdu at once, but does not learn very fast, for she has found the hot weather very trying. She takes the Zenana paper, and is much pleased with it, and always asks about it if it is a day or two late in reaching her. She says she likes it because it tells her of the things that happen in distant parts of the country, which she would never know, if she did not get the paper. A few weeks ago I gave her a copy of the New Testament and she was delighted when she had read enough of it to understand whom it told about. She is very bright and I always feel encouraged after visiting her. She thoroughly enjoys our religious teaching, and says that she does not worship or believe in idols.

Another woman, who had just come from Agra, came into a house where we sat one day, and wanted us to visit and teach her every week. She said she believed in Jesus Christ and knew about Him, and beginning with His birth, she told me the story of His life, all about it, in a way that surprised me, and yet made me very glad. Some one will be rewarded for leading that soul to the Master, for I believe that she knows Him.

She cannot read very well, only in the Second Reader, but she knows about Jesus, and much prefers that we sing and talk with her than for her to read her lesson. We visit her sister also, who lives near her. She reads much better, and is very interested in a religious book she is reading. I know that this woman is thinking of coming out from among her people and openly becoming a Christian. She has talked with me about it.

A few days ago an English lady called at our house, and while there, showed me a letter she had received from a strange lady, asking if she could do anything for a pupil of hers who had gone to live in Bareilly. Some relative had died, and her people had sent for her, and she was so anxious to keep up her lessons that her husband had also written this missionary who taught her, asking if some arrangement could not be made, and giving the name and address of the place she was going to. This lady said that she could not do anything for her, but thought that I might be able to. I took the husband's letter, it was written in Hindi, and had it read, and found that we visited houses in that neighborhood, and planned to look for her when we went to that place. The next day I was visiting a family near that street in which she lived, not knowing or thinking I was near her, when a young woman came and talked with me a little, and then said that when she was in Fyzabad some lady used to visit her, but since she had been here they had seen no one. I then asked about her, and found that she was the woman I was looking for. We went to her father's house, and arranged to visit regularly and teach her while she remained in Bareilly. She was very happy when she found that she could go on with her studies. She is bright and young. She has read one of the Gospels, and is now studying geography in addition to her reading book. She recited several hymns that she had committed to memory, and told me that she had heard of Jesus Christ who died for us.

In another part of the city a Muhammadan woman sent for us, and when we visited her she said that she wanted to learn something, for her husband had told her that, as she did not know anything, he should marry another wife. He is working among the English, and did not like her to be so ignorant. She is very much in earnest, and tries very hard to learn, not only from her book, but she wants to learn to sew and cut out her own clothing. She is interested also in our religious teaching, and talks about it in a way that proves that she understands what we say to her.

In another house they would not allow us to read the Bible. I let the Bible women go for a few weeks, thinking that they might get over their

prejudice, but as there was no signs of it, I told them not to go any more. After a little they sent word to us to come, but I refused for a while. At last they sent a servant to me to ask the reason I would not send some one to their home. I told them the reason, and said if they wanted us to come and would listen to our teaching, I would send the women to them; but, if they did not care to hear our teaching and were not willing to, I could not send any one. The servant came back to say they would be glad to hear our teaching, and to have us visit them. So we visit them again.

In one Hindu house we have four little pupils. The oldest is perhaps 13 years, and she teaches the other three, and they have done very well, except one, who has learned literally nothing all the year. The other two are just beginning a new book, and are very happy about it; and the little teacher is learning very fast herself, and is pleased with her work. One day as I was talking to the little girls, I asked one if she wished to be like the tares and belong to Satan, or like the wheat and belong to God. Her eyes brightened as she answered quickly, "I want to be God's child." She is an interesting child, and very fond of me, always sitting at my feet and looking up into my face as long as I am in the house.

MEDICAL WORK IN BAREILLY.

IN CHARGE OF MISS CHRISTIANCY, M. D.

Dr. Christianity writes that, "While medical work cannot make much display, the hospital and dispensary at Bareilly has held to its own record in aid of the sick and suffering. The gospel has been taught in other ways, as by the distribution of tracts and the daily services of a Bible reader. Medical work was opened and carried on in Philibhit for about four months. Mrs. Scott's school for the wives of the students in the theological school is one of the most important institutions in our mission. She has a very fine class of women this year, the best she has ever had. These women are being trained for the special work in which they will be engaged as pastors' wives and evangelists among the women. Mrs. Scott also has charge of the city schools. She had a very interesting gathering at the class of last year, for all her pupils, Christians, Hindoos and Muhammadans, when the annual prizes were distributed. Sunday schools are held in each of the day schools, and the girls enjoy the picture papers that are distributed very much.

The work in the out-stations of the Bareilly district is very successful. Bible women and teachers are working in many villages, and there have been a large number of baptisms. This village work is very promising, and the work Christian women are doing must be counted as one of the efficient causes of this success."

SHAHJEHANPORE,

The work in Shahjehanpore has been strengthened by the addition of Mrs. Hoskins, an old, experienced missionary, to the staff of workers. She is trying to supply a long-felt need in the work there by opening a day

and boarding school for Christian girls. She hopes to be able to receive a large number of boarders next year from girls in the district who have been waiting for an opportunity to attend school. The work in the city schools and the zenanas continues interesting and hopeful. Good work is being done in the out-stations by the native sisters. One new out-station has been opened in Mohundi, a city of some size on the borders of the Luckimpore district.

BUDAON.

The work on the Budaon circuit, under the charge of Mrs. Neeld, is prospering in every department. The Sigler boarding-school girls did themselves and their teachers great credit at the time of the visit of Bishop Ninde and his daughter there last November. Mrs. Smith, who had been an earnest, faithful teacher, especially in the religious instruction given the girls, is numbered among those of our workers whom God has called to enter into rest.

The work among the women and girls on this circuit is supplied very largely by young women who have gone out from the Sigler school. Experience has taught us that these boarding schools for Christian girls are very important auxiliaries in all our work as they have furnished a large proportion of our workers in the country places where we have had the most success in leading the people to Christ, and where a large portion of our baptisms have taken place. Our great hope in all this work is in educating the girls in our schools and Sunday schools, and training young women for evangelistic work.

SUMMARY.

ROHILKUND.

Missionaries W. F. M. S.	6
Missionaries Parent Board	6
Assistants	11
Bible Women and Christian Teachers	140
Day Schools	132
Day Pupils	1,808
Boarding Schools	5
Boarding Pupils	330
Orphans in Bareilly	276
Zenanas visited	2,324
Women under instruction	2,465
Patients in Zenanas	95
Patients in Hospitals	45
Patients in Dispensary	21,787
Prescriptions given	31,728

Amraho District is in Rohilkund, and is included in this summary.

OUDH DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS L. E. BLACKMAR,	MISS E. L. HARVEY,
MISS ESTHER DE VINE,	MISS ORIEL MILLER,
MISS THERESA KYLE,	MISS MARY REED,
MISS PHOEBE ROWE,	MISS HATTIE MANSELL (home on leave),
MISS DELIA FULLER.	

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. T. S. JOHNSON,	MRS. J. E. LAWSON,
MRS. H. MANSELL,	MRS. S. KNOWLES,
MRS. J. E. SCOTT.	

In nineteen stations in the District of Oudh the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society through our missionaries both married and single, through teachers and Bible readers carry on regular work; some difficulties have been met and overcome, some severe trials borne, but God has owned his work and given a good degree of prosperity. Each one of these nineteen stations is a radiating centre, reaching far out into the surrounding darkness, and affecting for good, wide interests. In Lucknow the varied forms of work,—Boarding and Day schools, Zenana and evangelistic work, Home of the Friendless and College Class have each a history of another year of labor—of seed-sowing and in some instances, of reaping. The boarding school under charge of Miss De Vine, has had a prosperous year, though the cholera kept away some scholars. Good progress was made in study, and a good religious spirit prevails. Three girls passed the Entrance Examination and a number have gone out as teachers and Christian workers. The illness and consequent departure of Miss Mansell was a trial to the interests of the College Class, but it has been carried on under the supervision of Miss Kyle who has this in addition to the care of the Zenana work. Miss Kyle says: "I find pleasure in teaching these girls. They are faithful and conscientious."

Of the Zenana work she says: "We visit regularly two hundred and thirty-five houses, besides the village work. There are thirteen places where people gather attracted by the singing, and are taught Bible truths. In some houses ten, and in others as high as twenty listen to the gospel; the average number being ten." This would make 2,325 in the Zenanas of Lucknow who have the bread of life carried to them, besides which, is the evangelistic work in out-lying villages. Many touching incidents could be given showing how the gospel has been set up in many hearts. No report of the work in the city schools under charge of Mrs. Johnson, with Miss Paul as inspectress, is received, but the last report of women's work in India, speaks of it as very successful. There is a Sunday school in connection with each school. The Home for Homeless Women has been kept up with varied experiences, shelter has been

furnished the homeless and a new purpose has been put into the hearts of some of the inmates. Some have been employed as teachers, and a number have been brought into the church. Miss Blackmar has had charge of this work from the beginning. At Hurdul, Shahabad, Madhogunge and Sandalier, under care of Mrs. Joel, the native pastor's wife, and Bible women, zenana work is carried on. Over one hundred houses are regularly visited and in many villages the gospel is preached. Three day schools and an interesting Sunday school work is prosecuted. Seetapore with its extended circuit work, taking in Lakhimpore, Khairabad, Misrike, Rokeree and Golen, with Mrs. Lawson as superintendent, has prospered in every form of work. The boarding school has overflowed its bounds and Mrs. Lawson sends an urgent appeal for a new building; fifty girls are crowded into a house built for thirty. In addition to the girls being trained in the boarding school Mrs. Lawson has a training class composed of Christians who, she hopes, will make Bible readers and evangelists, in the near future. There are eleven Bible women, and more urgently called for. Mrs. Masyk assists Mrs. Lawson in this department. Nearly three hundred zenanas are visited and in them Mrs. Lawson says are found many unbaptized Christians, secret disciples of the Lord Jesus. Seven day schools flourish, and twenty-four Sunday schools scatter gospel truth in many homes. The district work consisting of a systematic visitation of all existing work, and preaching the gospel in the many villages where regular work is not carried on, is an important factor in this circuit. The work at Barabanki, Daryabad and Bahramgha, under charge of the native pastor's wife, consists of three day schools, and a zenana work under ten Bible women. Two hundred and sixty zenanas are regularly visited. Baraich is also under charge of the native pastor's wife and six Bible women, and teachers are employed. God's word has been taught in three hundred and fifty houses. Two day schools and an interesting Sunday school work is also kept up. Mrs. Knowles has charge of the work in Gondah, which includes Colonelgunge, Nawabgunge, Ellenpore, Balrampore, Ayudhya, and many villages besides. Five teachers and seven Bible women are employed, over three hundred zenanas are visited, and numbers have given their hearts to God. All the information of this field is found in the last India report. No recent news can be given, but the work of God was moving on grandly and the indications were for still greater displays of Divine power. Mrs. Knowles tells of one woman's work thus :—

“Piyari Masih sat with her husband as a female devotee, under a tree in all weathers for twenty years, and performed many acts of asceticism and laceration. They lived in sackcloth and ashes, and were regarded far and near as very holy people. The gospel of Christ reached them and showed an easier way to be saved. Since their conversion and baptism they have devoted themselves to the work of the Lord; Piyari preaches Christ among the villages. Already four women with their husbands and children have

been brought to a knowledge of Christ, and been baptized through her labors. She rejoices in the work, and feels she is serving a living and true God. Her conversion shows the mighty power of the gospel to break the hardest heart and enlighten the darkest mind."

In Cawnpore the city schools are in charge of Mrs. Mansell; they are six in number, three purdah and three belonging to the lower class. The attendance and progress in study is reported as very good. More could be opened if there was money to support them. Miss Reed is in charge of zenana work; three assistants and six Bible readers have been at work. During the year Miss Reed and her helpers have had some severe trials of faith and patience, but are able to rejoice in the Lord who gives strength when needed and opens the way when all seems closed. Miss Reed says:

"My faith is strong and this is my ground of hope. God is with us and He will uphold us." The boarding school, under charge of Miss Harvey, assisted by Miss Miller, has passed a prosperous year. Miss Harvey says: "God has given us encouragements of such a nature as to strengthen our belief that this work is of the Lord. Health and strength has been given us and love has bound us together. Sixty-four pupils have been enrolled, all that can safely be accommodated. At the Government examinations the girls did well and earned an increased "Grant in aid;" one girl will go up for Entrance Examination. Two of our girls will go into mission work, under Miss Reed; good, true girls, thoroughly converted, and in love of the work for the Master's sake. I find in going over the records that since the school was organized three hundred and sixty girls have received instruction and discipline here. Of this number forty, to our knowledge, have been engaged in mission work; how many more I cannot say, as many came from distant parts of India, and we cannot follow them. Many have married, and in happy homes, are making better wives and mothers for the influence of this school. Spiritually the school has been blessed, and the Holy spirit is doing His work in these hearts. We truly feel our work is not measured by the number sent into the Zenanas, or by the fruit we see from it, but when Christ makes up His jewels then shall be known what has been accomplished in His name."

At Unao five Bible women visit eighty-six zenanas, four schools are kept by us, and in these as well as in the Sunday schools the progress is exceedingly encouraging. The work in Roi Bareilly, owing to Mrs. Kastendieck's illness, was not reported in the India Annual report. Mrs. Emma Moore Scott was sent there, and knowing her of old, a full report was expected of work vigorously prosecuted. None has been received, but from the September number of the *Friend*, this is gleaned.

"We have now nine Sunday schools and I have opened a new day school. The Bible women are trying to improve their minds and getting ready to do better work. I have the town divided into districts so that each woman has her own sphere of labor. The cholera has been very severe. Last

month in this civil district the mortality was 8,000. Thank God it has not come near one of our Christian people."

SUMMARY.

Missionaries, W. F. M. S.	7
Missionaries, Parent Board	5
Teachers in English Schools	12
Assistants	9
Bible women	69
Day Schools	43
Pupils in Day Schools	942
Boarding Schools	3
Pupils in Boarding Schools	255
Zenanas visited	1,550
Women under instruction	3,286
Home for Homeless Women	1
Inmates	29

KUMAON DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS ANNIE BUDDEN,

MISS E. L. KNOWLES.

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. DR. WAUGH.

MRS. T. CRAVEN.

The important points of interest in this District are four: Pauri, Dwara-hat, Pithoragarh, and Naini Tal, each with its surrounding district and village work. To fully represent the work of this large district, which includes also the Gurwhal and Bhabar, the two former in the hills, and the latter lying at the foot of the hills, would fill quite a volume, while this report must be confined to two or three pages.

In *Pauri* Miss Whitby has charge of the work, assisted by Miss Thornton. This station in the Himalayas is one hundred miles from Naini Tal, and fifty from the foot of the mountains. Mrs. Badley, who has been spending the hot season there, says: "There is only one English lady here besides ourselves. No Europeans within one hundred miles of us." She adds: "The work is all prospering. The orphanage is very nice, and well regulated." Mrs. Whitby writes: "We are having a good year here in the work, and God is blessing us all. There have been 74 baptisms this year, the highest number we have ever had in one year in Pauri, and we hope by God's blessing to have the 100 for which we have asked, complete, before the close of the year. The most of those baptized are from Hindu families."

They close the year with 34 names on the orphanage roll. Seven have been admitted during the year, and four have married and gone out as

workers. The health of the girls has been good, and good improvement has been made in their studies. Seven girls are preparing for the Government Vernacular Examination. Some of the girls are advancing in the Christian life. All the women working in Pauri are required to attend a class in the school, where they are taught in the books required for the Bible reader's course of study. The village work is carried on regularly, but with little encouragement, as the village women lead such busy lives they have no time to stop and hear the Word. Many of them admit that we teach the true way, but the chains of *caste* are very strong upon them.

The *village schools* are doing well, and the children are improving, and learning hymns, catechism and Scripture. The parents seem very proud to hear their little ones sing of Jesus. The *Srinagar* work, under the care of the Bible reader, Hester McPherson Todd, supported by McPherson Auxiliary of S. W. Kansas Conference, has not been as successful as last year, still some good, under God's blessing, has been done. The school is doing well, though the attendance is not so large as formerly. There are *eight* villages visited. They have no Bible reader for Pauri, as they take some of the large girls when they visit the villages. In the *four* village schools they have 73 pupils. They hope to open other schools next year. The Dekhwali was closed this year, as the worker went away, and they had no one to put in her place.

In *Dwarahat*, Mrs. Dr. Waugh has charge, assisted by Miss L. Boyd. Mrs. Waugh writes: "Our school is crowded this year. We have more girls than we have money for, and we must build an addition to the school too, though we will have to borrow money, (which is against the rule). I could have had more girls if I had room for them. Dear little Bagli, Justinia Richardson, has left us. It was very hard to let her go, but we thought it right. Her mother, who had gone to the home in Pithora, gave a good deal of trouble, and was determined to run away, and come back here to be with her little girl. Mrs. Grant kept writing that she must have Bagli, or else give up all hopes of making anything of the mother, who is a woman of an awful temper and tongue. Her little girl can do more with her than anyone else, so we sent her, while we all prayed for the mother's salvation, and dear little Bagli, most of all had her mother on her heart. God has abundantly answered these prayers. In a late letter from Miss Budden, we learn that this woman is her best worker. A quiet, earnest, good woman, and is going to make an earnest Christian woman.

The school in *Dwarahat* numbers eighteen pupils, and its moral tone grows better each year. The girls' characters have much improved since Miss Boyd has been living with them.

The custom of visiting the villages once a week has been kept up, but has been much hindered through the sickness of the Bible readers with whom the girls went out. The villages in which are the best openings for work are too far for women to go, who have little children. Unless a woman is

able to walk long distances, and leave home for four or five hours at a time, she can accomplish little. Still with all these difficulties much has been accomplished, and God has inclined the people to come to us, when we could not go to them.

In *Pitharagarh* a marked and steady improvement in every branch of the work is reported. The Home has twenty-six inmates. The farm has proved to be much more profitable this year than last. The Boarding school is also prospering, and has thirty pupils. Village visiting has not been carried on much during the year, owing to some responsible person being needed to go with the women and girls. The village school became very large after Mrs. Dease took charge of it. But a terrible scourge of cholera broke in upon all this prosperity, Miss Blackmar was sent to Miss Budden's assistance, and had great difficulty in reaching her on account of the panic of fear among the coolies. She found the mission a scene of desolation, Miss Fresham with six of the women were all who were left about the place, Miss Budden having taken the school girls to a hill twelve miles distant, but one died, even there. Miss Blackmar says. "In the two weeks I was there, from four to eight deaths were reported daily in the town, and we could often hear the women lamenting; this with the howls of jackals that prowled around day and night, and the vultures slowly flying about, or settling by the dozen near some half-buried corpses, together with the sad stories from the doctor every evening, and the almost deserted mission premises, all conspired to render life there most gloomy." A missionary writing August 25, says: "In the North-West Provinces alone, there have been 70,000 deaths since the middle of last June."

The *Naine Tai* work, excepting the girls High School, is in charge of Mrs. Craven, assisted by Harriet Singh. Mrs. Craven reports; "Our work has been carried on the past year in a faithful and earnest manner by Miss Singh; early and late, in season and out of season, she has labored, and we know her labor has not been in vain. Besides her zenana work and schools, she has given much time, talent, and prayer to the elevation of the poorer native christian women, many of whom greatly need this fostering care and sisterly love." She commenced her zenana work with *five* houses, but the number increased to thirty-six; fifty-six women in all, received regular gospel teaching, and learned to read. The school work is encouraging, there are *three* schools, with eighty-three names on the roll; an average attendance of fifty.

The Girls High School, under the superintendence of Miss Knowles, is doing good work, but like nearly all our schools is crowded for room. But estimates have been made for a new building, and they will probably be soon provided for. Miss Knowles says: "The importance of English school work for the future of India, is becoming more and more manifest, Roman Catholics are powerful in their influence in India, working very little among natives, but among English speaking people. If the true Protestant influence

we are shedding abroad, could be known by our ladies, there would no longer be any question about the value of our English schools. A large English speaking population (mixed) dwells in India, and if the country is to be won for Christ, they must be won." This school numbers forty-five boarders, day pupils ten, but the attendance might be better if they had more room, but she expects to have part of the new building ready for occupancy before the rainy season sets in.

The *Bhabar* includes Huldwani, Katgodam, Ramnagar, Dhaphta, Isaenagar and Chopra. In Huldwani the work is in charge of the Bible reader, Lois Patras. It is reported as increasing in interest every year. They have but about five or six months in which to work. The people come down from Naini Tal, to the villages at the foot of the hills, remain during the winter, and return in the spring. The school numbers from twelve to twenty girls. As the people come down and get settled, the girls are found and induced to attend school, many of them, even in this short time, learn to read Hindi nicely, and get a knowledge of christianity which they can never forget. Besides the school and zenana work, there are several villages near, where Mrs. Singh and Lois find many women glad to have them read the Word, and sing the songs of redeeming love.

In Katgodam, Fanny Peters, Bible reader, reports a prosperous year. Besides her own village, she goes to Ranibagh, and several smaller villages. The women are always glad to have her come and read the Bible and sing to them.

Ramnagar and Daphta are under the charge of the Bible readers, Alice and Tulsi, who are both doing well and are received gladly by the women among whom they labor.

Isaengar and Chopra are cared for by Florence and Mary Gowan. These are both christian settlements, the former in the Bhabar, and the latter in the hills. Florence reports the work carried on as usual at Chopra. Mary has a small school, which both Christian and Hindu children attend. When the people move down in October or November to Isaenagar, the school is again opened there, and the work carried on by Florence and her daughter Mary, till they go back again in the spring.

SUMMARY.

Missionaries of the W. F. M. S.	2
Missionaries of the Parent Board	2
Assistants	10
Bible Women	9
Teachers	26
Day Schools	13
Day Pupils	214
Boarding Schools	4
Boarding Pupils	138

Orphans in Pauri	35
Homes for Homeless Women	1
Inmates	26
Zenanas visited	211
Women under Instruction	432
Patients treated in Dispensary	33
Prescriptions given	33

SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

MISS M. E. LAYTON, Calcutta (home on leave),
MISS M. HEDRICK, Calcutta, MISS JULIA WISNER, Rangoon,
MISS MARY A. HUGHES, Madras, MISS SARAH M. DELINE, Bombay,
MISS MINNIE F. ABRAMS, Bombay.

South India Conference *now* includes Sindh, Gujerat, the Bombay Presidency, and all of peninsular India south and west of a line drawn from Burhanpur to Jubbalpur not including them, thence due east to Bengal and along its south-west border to the Bay of Bengal.

The work assigned us last year in South India Conference, included

MADRAS DISTRICT.

MRS. W. A. RUDISILL, Missionary, MISS GRACE STEPHENS, First Assistant. MISS C. CHASE, a member of the Vepery Methodist Episcopal Church, and supported by that Sunday school, has aided Miss Stephens.

Madras is a city of 45,000 homes, less than one hundred of which are visited by zenana workers. In April, 1886, Miss Grace Stephens was appointed zenana worker, with instructions to visit only those houses which had not been opened to other missions. Six districts are visited weekly, about thirty-five zenanas regularly, more occasionally. The average distance between the districts being one and a half miles, the visiting takes a long time. "Some of the inmates of these zenanas who never before had heard of Jesus' love, now profess to have found the pardon of their sins. Time would fail to tell of the many wonderful works, wrought during the short time this mission has been in operation."

Mrs. Rudisill writes of Miss Grace Stephens: "She has faithfully discharged her duty, spent many weary hours in gaining access to these homes, and has indeed borne the burden and heat of the day. Her work is a marvel to many who have been long in the mission field. She is gentle and winning in her manner, loves and respects those for whom she labors, and has strong faith in God. As I recall my first visits with those I have enjoyed during the past year, our hearts are filled with praise and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father. Much of the seed has fallen on good ground, and the yield is a hundred-fold. Miss Stephens, I fear, is doing

more than she ought, and cannot undertake any more. There are in every district, poor benighted prisoners, entreating her to come and teach them, but she must put them off. We are praying that consecrated ladies from home may soon be sent to us. A copy of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* published by Brother Rudisill by the sanction of the Publishing Committee has reached us."

HYDERABAD.

Rev. Mr. Rudisill under date of July 23d, writes: "I am glad to tell you that we have secured the services of an excellent Christian Eurasian woman to open work at Hyderabad, and I hope to see the work in as flourishing condition here as Madras.

MUSSOORIE DISTRICT.

REV. D. OSBORNE, Presiding Elder, writes from Roorkee, Hyd., "There are in the Girls school twenty-four girls, seven Christians, seventeen heathen; two have gone to the Meradabad School, one to Bijnour. One of the girls when very sick and about to die, sent her respectful *salams* to the *mem sahib* who had told her of Jesus, and then fell asleep in Jesus singing, "When he cometh." Here we have a Bible Woman, Mary Oakfield. At *Manglaur* Marian, twenty-three years of age visits daily about eight hours. At *Tasipur*, Jane visits six hours a day. We find the *Woman's Friend* printed in Hindi and Urdu very helpful in our work.

POONA.

In the close of 1886, the sum of \$120 was received from the Cincinnati Branch, for work in Poonah among the women and girls. We have started four schools for girls, one for the Sweeper caste. The total number is one hundred and sixteen, average attendance eighty-two. In connection with each school is a Sunday school, where the girls are taught scripture, texts, the Lord's Prayer, etc. The girls take great interest in singing, and in one school plain sewing is taught. The cost of these four schools, including salaries of teachers and rents, is about thirty dollars a month. We are very much encouraged and thankful for the way the work in these schools has opened.

Brother Robinson, Secretary of South India and Bengal Conference, under date of June 17, writes: "Miss Warner of Rangoon, is now Mrs. Fox of Poona. She served her five years faithfully, and wrought a conspicuously excellent work in that needy and rising city. The flourishing girl's school is a lasting monument of her devotion, energy, and ability. I am very glad to know that in her new field Mrs. Fox will have ample scope for her energies, and developing the promising native girl's school mainly supported by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

BOMBAY.
MISSIONARIES.MISS SARAH M. DELINE, MISS MINNIE F. ABRAMS.
ASSISTANTS.MISS SUNDIA BAI POWER, MISS BELCHAM, Teacher,
MISS THOMAS, MISS WRIGHT.

The great city of Bombay, although not in reality the capital, is in many respects the most important city in the empire. Until within the last few months our work has been confined to the visiting of the women in their zenana homes. But so urgent was the need, so great the pressure upon our workers to open a day school for the children of the members, and those who come within their influences, that one was undertaken in a building in the compound of our missionaries' home. The missionaries of the Parent Board very strongly urged the measure, in order that the children of their congregations might receive religious training, and all who were interested in the future of our church and its work, saw that a school was an absolute necessity for furnishing trained teachers and zenana assistants, all of our assistants so far coming from other denominations.

Most urgent pleas were sent to the ladies at home for permission to open a boarding school in the new and commodious premises to which Miss DeLine had removed, but we dared not make an advance which we would find ourselves financially unable to sustain, and so expressed ourselves. Then a father desired, in order to have them trained for missionary work, to place his four girls there, paying the entire expense. The young lady teachers wrote personal letters to the official correspondent urging that they be taken in as boarders, each pledging herself to care for one, that there might be no additional burden upon Miss DeLine; and so a boarding school was unexpectedly made one of the features of our missionaries' new home. The school proper, or day school, opened in March; thence to May 1, twenty-two were enrolled, the majority of them being Christians. The second term there were sixteen attendants, all Christians. A few Parsi children would attend if Guzerati were taught, but now there are only classes in Hindustani. At the commencement of the term the native teacher was ill, leaving Miss Belcher who was in charge, alone; then Miss Belcher was ill for a time, and Miss DeLine was obliged to teach, among other studies, Marathi, arithmetic and geography. There being innumerable changes in their arithmetical tables, it was found necessary to employ a heathen pundit who agreed to say nothing on religious matters. Miss DeLine decided to put the school under government control. This does not interfere with its missionary character, it only necessitates government examination and enables them to receive "grant in aid." A Parsi gentleman was very helpful in putting it under government rules and securing the government grant. It has been troublesome to bring the school up to grade, but will be decidedly advantageous.

New and suitable furniture has been provided for the school room, and also a wagon, or long two-wheeled cart, and oxen, to take the girls to and from school. The greatest difficulty found in teaching Christianity to the girls is their innate lack of a sense of honor and truthfulness. Many of them are desirous of receiving a good education, and study well. The school house is a small bungalow situated in the compound; it has three nice rooms, a necessity, for until otherwise taught all of the girls study aloud, and a recitation room must be had. Besides these three rooms, there is a room where the little folks are sent to play school, tiny little maiden teachers being appointed alternately to whom the others recite, thus endeavoring to instil into these future teachers a genuine love for the calling in which they seem now greatly interested. Devotional exercises and catechism lessons are given in the morning.

An appropriation is asked for city schools. These schools are taught by the wife of the pastor of native work (American Missionary). She is provided with a pundit, and usually a conveyance and native teacher, by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, but herself has no salary. Mrs. Brure is in charge and visits them once or twice a week. For these no furniture is needed, save a common chair for the teacher, and a few books and slates, the scholars sitting on the floor around the sides of the room.

Owing to the lack hitherto of educational facilities for our Methodist children, some of our most prominent families are slow to accept the belief that our schools are equal to those of other denominations, therefore we must work our way slowly.

In the zenana work there has been prosperity, but owing to the illness of the workers it has not been carried on as fully as contemplated. Miss Sundai Bai Power was disabled by a painful accident to her knee, and for months has been unable to leave the house, but commenced her visitations September 1st. Miss Tracy, so valued, was obliged to leave on account of illness. Miss Taylor came to take her place, but was obliged at vacation to go to Madras for treatment, and is still there. Miss Turner is there and bids fair to be very useful. Miss Turner's home is in India; although her parents were from Canada, she is a Baptist, can read Roman Urdu, and speaks Bombay Hindustani. Miss Lucy Thomas is an Eurasian, very young, but learns the language rapidly; owing to her inexperience she receives only her board as compensation. Miss Wright, who left ill, at the beginning of vacation has returned considerably improved, and commences work November 1. She has been very successful. The year closed with the following record, including the Bible reader's work:

Number of houses visited	100
Number of people who have heard the Gospel weekly	240
Number of houses where prayer has been offered	14
Number of regular pupils	125
Women who read the Bible daily	45
Profess faith in Christ, but not openly	14

No house is visited where they are not permitted to read the Bible. The work of this first quarter was closed with from one to two conversions in every department. "Is not that" says Miss DeLine "a record over which to say 'Praise the Lord for his abounding goodness.'"

BENGAL CONFERENCE.

WORK COMMENCED IN 1887.

The Bengal Conference consists of Bengal and the portions of India not included by the North and South India Conferences, with Burmah and the Straits Settlement, in which is

SINGAPORE.

MISSIONARY, MISS SOPHIA BLACKMORE.

From an unexpected source, the Lord has given us a missionary for this needy field. Miss Isabella Leonard, one of the pioneers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, called of God to be an Evangelist, while laboring in New South Wales met Miss Blackmore, and recognized her "gifts, graces, and usefulness," and her clear call to missionary work. As Miss Leonard was about to visit India, she proposed to Miss Blackmore to accompany her. After thought and prayer, and consultation with her parents, she decided to give herself to the work.

Miss Leonard generously paid her passage and furnished the needed outfit, and they arrived, in time for the India Conferences, and were cordially welcomed. Miss Blackmore was immediately in demand for needy fields. Waiting the action of the authorities at home, she decided to go to North India from Madras, meet Brother and Sister Parker in Bombay, and proceed with them; but by a strange intervention of Divine Providence as we see now, she was detained at Madras, and this gave her the opportunity of meeting Brother Oldham, just returned from Bombay, en route for Singapore. Her heart, which had ever turned with deep interest to the Chinese, responded to his appeal, and she at once began the study of the Malay language with a gentleman and his wife, residents of Singapore, but temporarily in Madras, and who were very anxious Miss Blackmore should go there.

From a letter received bearing date 23d July, we make a few extracts: "On Monday last arrived in Singapore, glad to get to my destination at last; but I trust the knowledge I have gained in mission work will be of life-long service, my opportunities have been such as few of the lady missionaries have had. I am so thankful the Lord led me to Singapore via India. Already I find open doors that I can enter. Through Mrs. Oldham's influence, I will have access to several of the wealthier Chinese

homes; this class of women I understand have not had any Christian work done amongst them. The poorer will be glad in many cases to see me and hear Bible stories. Then there are Eurasian women, and a few Christian Chinese women who need much instruction; some of these I have visited. There is a dear little Eurasian, a converted Roman Catholic, who is willing to visit with me, and who has been praying for me ever since she heard I was coming to Singapore. My intention is at present, to visit from house to house, teaching and getting in as much evangelistic work as I can. I commenced the study of the language the first of August, and spend several hours daily. It is not a difficult language, still it takes study and practice, and when one is anxious to begin work at once, it seems a mountain in the way."

CALCUTTA.

During the year Miss Layton, who has had charge of the school for eight years, has been compelled to return home, and the work has been conducted by Miss Hedrick. The new building has been occupied only about two years, and is one of the finest school buildings in the city, and perhaps the largest and most valuable belonging to Methodism in any part of the East. It accommodates one hundred boarders and two hundred day pupils. The outlook for this school was never brighter than now. At present, the daughters of Europeans, Eurasians, Armenians, Bengalis, Jews and others, are found enrolled in its classes. Some valuable workers have already been trained in this school.

FOOCHOW.

Miss L. M. FISHER,
Miss C. JEWELL,

Miss K. COREY, M. D.
Miss S. M. PRAY, M. D.

Our workers commenced the year with grateful, earnest, joyous hearts, and its whole record attests their faithfulness and efficiency.

The printed minutes of the Second Session of the Woman's Conference show an advance in the order of business, and spirit and method of work which is very marked. The printed report of the Foochow Hospital has been received. It gives not only the number of patients treated, but in some cases of special interest, the disease was diagnosed and the method of treatment given. This report being submitted to high medical authority in this country, has received unstinted praise. A leading medical journal says: "The course of instruction as mapped out therein (for medical students), is a thorough and more advanced course than that offered by many medical schools in our own country. In connection with the report, Dr. Corey gave a classification of the diseases treated, and the surgical operations she had performed since she assumed charge of the work. The list embraces all the diseases usually met with in practice. Among the surgical operations were cataract, amputation of the breast, laceration of

the cornea, cleft palate, etc. *The report is a strong argument in support of woman's fitness for the medical mission field.*

There are four medical students in the school. The addition to the hospital provided for at the last session of General Executive Committee was not completed until the close of the year. This gives additional facilities for work. There was disappointment in obtaining the lots expected for the city hospital, but negotiations are pending for securing one deemed still more desirable, now occupied by the Parent Board.

Among the letters last received, is the record of the triumphs of medical skill and prayer, in bringing back to life a poor woman seemingly in the jaws of death, and the profound impression made by her recovery.

Through all the year have come reports of the healthy progress of our work in all its departments, the girl's school, the woman's training school, and the day schools. Miss Fisher wrote in July a résumé of the year's work. Fifty-eight were enrolled in the Boarding school. Fifteen were full members of church. Eleven had entered during the year. Twenty-two were probationers. She gives an account of their being taught in Chinese classics, cooking, sewing, housekeeping, English vocal music, their Bible classes, their classes of instruction in Christian doctrine, and their prayer and experience meetings. Of the happy death of one of the dear girls she says:

"In the midst of loss we could thank God that our girls who die are equipped for that, as they that live are girded with the armor to fight life's battles, all because they have learned to trust in Jesus." Speaking of an experience meeting, she says: "Just before school closed, one was held in which the girls most earnestly testified of their love of Jesus, and their earnest desire to work for Him while at home during vacation. Our last Sunday afternoon meeting was glorious, many even of our little girls speaking sweetly of Jesus and his love. We have had no special time of revival, as in the last two previous years, yet a deep spiritual interest has pervaded the school, and a number have testified to sins forgiven. The spirit of work has been manifest in the way the girls have used their opportunities when women would come to visit the school, and they often come in great numbers."

There are fourteen day schools with an attendance of one hundred and seventy-five. The standard of teaching in these schools has been elevated during the year, and all the teachers are required to come up to an examination that is held just before the Woman's Conference.

Earnest and importunate are the pleadings for two additional women for the educational and evangelistic work, that the women's and girl's schools may be completely separated, that the day schools may be regularly visited and thoroughly supervised, and that the multiplied openings for evangelistic work may be met. Even the full force on the field

seemed all inadequate to the pressing necessities of the case. So it was with unspeakable sorrow to herself and her fellow-workers, that under pressure of disease in August, Miss Fisher yielded to the imperative order of her physician to leave for America. A month later Dr. Pray was compelled to follow; so the small force is shattered. But do those that linger, faint? Nay, verily, but gird themselves afresh for more heroic endeavors, and plead more eloquently that others may come and share their toil, their joy, their crown.

Miss Jewell says: "Speak, write with a trumpet voice, Foochow must have help." Miss Fisher writes: "My heart is in China, if I cannot work for it there, I must here." During the session of our recent General Executive Committee, a telegram came, "Send a doctor at once." Where is she? The money shall not be wanting, if the woman can be found.

NORTH CHINA.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS ANNIE B. SEARS,
ANNA D. GLOSS, M. D.,

MRS. CHARLOTTE M. JEWELL,
MISS NELLIE R. GREEN,
EDNA G. TERRY, M. D.

In *Peking* the year has been one of hard work, great care, and heavy responsibilities. At its opening, Mrs. Jewell was an invalid, confined to her bed as the result of overwork, while she was forbidden to use her eyes for either writing or reading; and yet her presence in the Home was esteemed a perpetual benediction to the whole family. Her patient, uncomplaining spirit, her sunny smile, were a heritage to all who came into the peaceful, loving atmosphere of her presence. In a letter dated ten months since, she says:

"Mrs. Hobart is so kind to me she almost makes me think *her* hands are *my own*,—so that I write quite a number of letters by proxy. I have often wondered what I *should* do without certain of my friends; but the best of it is, I've never been called upon to do without them all. I was saying the other day, what I believe to be true in most of our cases, that is, that a great deal of our trouble comes from trying to climb mountains before we get to them. I know I found myself constantly forecasting the future, wondering if certain things be so and so, then 'what next?' I think for the past year, particularly the last nine weeks, the Lord has been teaching me that these things are none of my business! If I could only stay taught! My memory seems poor, and I must confess that I have *taken* more than one anxious thought!"

As her general health improved somewhat, she with others, had strong hope that her eyes would share in the improvement, but in this all were disappointed, and it became a necessity for her to seek a change, as remain-

ing seemed to be sacrificing her only hope of recovery. She most reluctantly left for Japan in early April, hoping for benefit from the trip, as well as treatment from an oculist in Tokio.

Miss Green gave herself to study almost exclusively, for the first year. This year she has had a day school, a woman's class, and has done some visiting. In her last letter she says: "I have now been here fourteen months; the time has not seemed long. I hope to spend many a year in China; it gets better as I understand more of the language of the people and learn their ways, modes of thought, and different characteristics. China seems moving as she has never done before, and 'Western' influence is impressing itself on the whole land in such a way that sooner or later the darkness must recede before the light. Not only direct missionary effort, but social and secular power is making itself felt. The outlook is encouraging or discouraging, as one turns toward the light or toward the darkness,—it is right to keep well both in mind, that we may work to the best advantage in securing the great end."

Miss Sears, in the midst of burdens that would crush one who had less of system, persistent thoroughness, genuine skill and efficiency, has bravely stood at the helm, occasionally hoisting the signal of distress, and sending home the message: "We must have help. We want a lady of experience as a teacher, but in estimate of requirements would rank even then below correctness of Christian character, balance of mind, and sympathy with doctrines and methods of our Church." To this last she adds: "May the dear Lord send us such a one, and in the fulness of the spirit!"

The Boarding school has had a year of prosperity. Letters received from the girls evince great progress made by some of them, and we feel quite sure that in this "Home and school," will be developed noble, Christian women, who shall become teachers and missionaries among their own countrywomen. In Tientsin, the medical work has been well and faithfully cared for by Dr. Gloss. She writes from Peking in July, where she had gone for a little change and rest:

"It was a great trial for me to close the hospital for a month at this season when we have so many patients, but as it is easier to *keep* well than to *get* well in China, I yielded to the advice of my friends. If the work continues to grow as it has done the past year, it will demand the time of two physicians. I am even now unable to do the work satisfactorily, without taking into consideration the study of Chinese—which perhaps is the most important work of all for the present.

The new hospital built in the neighborhood of ours, by Lady Li for Dr. Howard King, is now completed and will doubtless be opened this autumn. The last shadow of this lady's patronage departed from us when a month since Mrs. King sent for the 'piero' which had been presented by Lady Li at the opening of the Isabella Fisher Hospital, and has since then adorned

our front entrance. Of course most of the official patronage goes with Mrs. King, but there is plenty of work among the poorer classes, and if I did not feel that the ladies at home would be greatly disappointed, I should feel rather relieved than otherwise to be free from a service so enslaving, and which bears so little fruit for Christ. Lady Li's interest has always been personal and has never been transferred in the least degree to the mission—or to Mrs. King's successors. Her influence was doubtless of great importance when the work was first started, but we can have plenty of work to-day without her. We had a gift of fifty dollars during the winter, to provide food for poor patients while in the hospital for treatment. I only go to the city dispensary twice a week this year, but treat from fifty to one hundred patients every time I go. One of the girls from the Peking school assists me there during her vacation. Though *we* have not been able to follow up this medical work, the Parent Board have done this, and the new work springing up in the neighborhood of the dispensary promises to become a very important department of the work in Tientsin. There have been several instances during the last few months of happy acceptance of Christian faith by the house-patients, due more to the earnest work of the native assistants than to direct foreign influences."

Her report of medical work for the two quarters ending June 30th, 1887, is as follows:

No. of patients treated in dispensary	2,029
No. of prescriptions given in dispensary	4,995
No. of out-patients	111
No. of visits to out-patients	162

Tsun Hua work is fairly inaugurated, with good prospects for the future. Dr. Terry received a most cordial welcome from members of the mission, including Dr. Hopkins, who has large plans for medical work at this point. She has a very pleasant home in the family of Brother Pyke, and is giving her time to the study of the Mandarin, in which she is making good proficiency. July 13th, she wrote:

"Yesterday I took my first country trip. Went with the Presiding Elder to a village thirteen miles distant. Heard a sermon in the morning, and in the afternoon eight adults and two children were baptized. The day was exceedingly warm, but I stood the heat and the cart-ride very well indeed. To-day we have been having a most blessed rain. The brethren, though in different places, seemed much drawn out to pray for it yesterday. This morning they were talking up a special season for prayer and fasting, but before the time came there was an abundance of rain. We had a praise service at twelve o'clock instead. We are very thankful for what we have received, and trust for more. I am perfectly contented and happy in my new home. The dear Lord has blessed me very much since coming here

and is leading and helping me. That promise in Isaiah has had a good deal of meaning to me of late, 'Thou shalt not see a fierce people: a people of a deeper speech than thou canst perceive, of a stammering tongue that thou canst not understand.'"

In all the stations in North China there is imperative need of reinforcements. Wide open doors are everywhere. O for more importunate pleading for spirit-moved and spirit-baptized disciples to rise up, impelled to exclaim: "Here am I, send me, send me."

CENTRAL CHINA.

Work opened in 1872.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS L. H. HOAG, M. D.,

MISS M. C. ROBINSON,

MISS ELLA C. SHAW,

MISS MAY E. CARLETON, M. D.,

MISS FRANCES WHEELER.

The work in Central China lies in Chin Kiang, Nanking, and Kiu Kiang.

The work in Chin Kiang has been marked the past year by the opening of the "New Home," which occurred on Tuesday, February 15th. A goodly number of Chinese officials were present, among them the Tartar general, whose rank is equal to that of Viceroy. The chief civil magistrate being absent from the city, sent his regrets, and two deputies to represent him. The acting United States and the British consuls, and members of the foreign community, together with the missionaries of our own and other denominations with their wives, made up the foreign part of the audience. There was a deputation present also from Nanking. The services were conducted by our own missionaries, assisted by Baptists and Presbyterians. There were recitations and songs by the school children. Dr. Hoag was an object of great interest to all the officials, and one promised that he would send his wife for medical treatment.

This part of the work being done, Miss Hoag writes that every thing is in readiness for active and aggressive work. The school, she says, "is a power for good," but the medical work needs an Evangelist to bring it to the highest point of usefulness.

Miss Wheeler, after a year's rest at home, returned to China, and has joined Miss Howe in Kiu Kiang. The school and home belonging to the Society have been removed to another part of the city. This has been found necessary for several reasons, principally to provide for the enlargement of the work. In Wulu, owing to the failure of Mrs. Jackson's health, and her removal from the city, it has been found desirable to close the school, sell the Society property, and transfer the pupils to Nanking.

In Nanking, Miss Shaw has been at work for nearly a year. The Philander Smith Home is building. Miss Carleton has gone to take charge of the medical work. With the school and medical work, they hope soon to reach many women.

WEST CHINA.

Miss Howe writes: "The Rev. Mr. Hart has been to Chung King, and rented a house near the site of our old home. Everything seems to be quiet there now. I hope we may be able to re-open our work under more favorable conditions than heretofore."

JAPAN.

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TOKYO.

Work Opened in 1874.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. A. SPENCER,

MISS A KAULBACK,

MISS A. ATKINSON (home on leave),

MISS REBECCA J. WATSON,

MISS MARY A. VANCE.

Report of the Tokyo Home.

Miss Watson writes of the boarding school as follows:—

"The year has been one of general prosperity, and there has been a steady growth in the religious life of the entire school. The girls passed satisfactory examinations in their studies with the exception of one or two in the primary department. In May, four completed the Japanese course of study, and two the English, receiving diplomas accordingly. Our present senior class numbers a dozen earnest Christian girls, and we are praying that when they have completed their studies they may go forth to do valiant service for the Master.

"While our aim is to give the girls a thorough, practical education, we by no means neglect the so-called accomplishments. Music, drawing, Japanese fancy work, knitting, crochet and sewing, native and foreign, receive due attention. We have added to our facilities for music by the purchase of a piano, and since Miss Vance, a specialist in this line, has come to us, we meet the new year fully abreast with the times. The exhibition of specimens of work done by the girls in sewing, knitting, fancy work, drawing, and cooking, with a drill in calisthenics and Japanese etiquette, formed a pleasant evening entertainment at the close of school in July.

"During the year one hundred and sixty-two girls have been enrolled. Twenty-four for various reasons have left the school. One has been married, and one just as we thought her well fitted for the Master's service here, heard Him say: 'Well done; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' About seventy pupils have received help from the Society, but only fourteen have been entirely supported, the others paying their own expenses either as boarders or day scholars. The receipts for the year are \$1,236.47.

"Six Japanese teachers are regularly employed, and several of the older girls give willing and efficient service in the class room, one or two hours

daily. Early in January we were able to rent an adjoining building, to which we transferred about forty of the younger girls. Although it is not fully adapted to school purposes, it will satisfy us until the new building in prospect at Aoyama becomes a reality.

"From the beginning of the school year until the arrival of Miss Vance in February, the work of the boarding school was shared by Miss Atkinson, Miss Kaulback and Miss Spencer each having four or five hours teaching, and the charge of one day school and one Sunday school, while Miss Spencer had one day school, two Sunday schools and the music, assisted in the latter by Miss Kaulback. At that time a change seemed desirable. Our day schools were growing so rapidly that having only one or two hours each week to devote to them we could not give them the attention they demanded. To Miss Atkinson, Miss Vance and myself was assigned the work of the boarding school, while to Miss Kaulback was given the day schools and four Sunday Schools. This arrangement has proved quite satisfactory.

"An Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in the school on the evening of March 26, 1887. It is connected with North Western Branch as the first W. F. M. S. missionary to Japan, the founder of this school, Miss Dora Schoonmaker, was sent by that branch. Twenty-five dollars are already in the treasury toward the support of a Bible woman in the training school at Yokohama. The girls are much interested in the Society and the meetings are generally attended by the entire school whether members or not.

"Miss Atkinson, accompanied by one of our recent graduates, Miss Sakurai, returned to America in July for much needed rest. This leaves added cares and responsibilities, but we go forth strong in Him who said, 'As thy day so shall thy strength be.'

From Miss Kaulback's report of day school and Sunday school work, the following items are taken:—

Pupils in actual attendance	375
Average daily attendance	343
New pupils	140
Tuition fees from pupils for three months	\$111.85

"Besides the Japanese curriculum for primary schools, we add to the course, the Bible, the catechism, singing, English, knitting, crochet and Japanese sewing. To the four day schools reported last year a fifth was added in April. It is in Tsukiji, and has an average attendance of seventy-five. In connection with the Tamachi school we have a children's weekly afternoon prayer-meeting. One afternoon when ninety-eight were present, I asked how many thought they were Christians, and twenty-eight little brown hands were raised.

"In the Sunday school department I have had the help of eight girls, thoroughly instructed in the Bible, who bring to their Sabbath duties, hearts

full of love for their work. To their eager, prayerful interest and hunger for souls is due the promising condition of our Sunday schools. At Fukagawa has been the most marked increase and interest. The school has passed through various vicissitudes which had lowered the attendance until the roll numbered but thirteen. In January a sudden and steadily continuing increase began. The maximum was reached March 13, when ninety-two children greeted us. This increase was a direct answer to prayer, and this school is the only one which has a larger attendance on Sundays than week days."

Miss Spencer writes:—"My five weekly meetings for women have been continued uninterruptedly with the help of my Bible woman, Mrs. Ushioda. About one hundred and thirty have been connected with these meetings with eighty in regular attendance. There have been fifteen conversions during the year and six baptisms. At Kanda, in May, five ladies were baptized, among them the physician's wife mentioned in last year's report. The husband of one is absent in America, but before leaving went twice to the pastor urging him to do all he could to make his wife a Christian. One elderly woman who had lost her faith has been revived.

There have been several conversions also at Yotsaya. The seed sown is producing rich fruit after long and patient waiting. The husband of one lady is in Europe on official business, and she has written asking him to allow her to be baptized.

At all these meetings the first hour is given to religious instruction and the rest of the time to English and fancy work. An entrance fee of thirty *sen* is now paid by all receiving this special instruction; those studying English pay twenty *sen* monthly, and those doing fancy work only ten *sen*. This nominal charge makes the ladies feel independent, and helps defray travelling expenses. \$109.80 is the amount received during the year.

Three trips for missionary work have been taken during the year, two short ones in September and January, and one of five weeks in the Spring, over the Tokyo District. During the last named itinerary, the Magic Lantern was exhibited eighteen times to large and attentive audiences, showing beautiful scenes in the life of our Saviour, which was always carefully explained. At Sendai a three days 'Woman's Union Meeting,' at which fifty delegates were present, was very inspiring. The landlord of our hotel at Yonezawa, has turned his eldest son out of the house because he became a Christian. His second son and his little daughter are both secretly reading the Bible and hide it about their clothing. In Yamagata, two ladies, the wives of teachers in the Government schools, came to our meetings and seemed deeply interested. Much more time ought to be given to these country sisters to teach them Christian duty and Christian living. Still, while the foreign missionary during her annual visit can do but little for them, the

Bible women under training, as they leave us and are scattered through the land, will exert a wonderful influence for good upon their country women.

Mrs. Dr. Maclay has held three weekly meetings with the help of her Bible women and Mrs. Ogata, and reports increasing interest and good attendance. Receipts from tuition fees, \$12.80.

Mrs. J. O. Spencer has had a class of thirty ladies meet weekly at her house for Bible instruction and foreign sewing. Mrs. J. Soper has also taught foreign sewing at Kanda, with Mrs. Mosora as assistant, opening her meeting with a Bible lesson.

Miss Kaulback's woman's meeting held weekly in the rooms of the Gospel Society has had an average attendance of twenty. Three have recently professed conversion, and two have become day scholars in the Tokyo Home. Receipts, \$39.60.

Mrs. Dr. Swartz has been laboring very earnestly in Sendai with her Bible woman, Sagara O Riyo San, and has held five meetings weekly. Much time has been devoted to visiting the women in their homes, and the work is most promising. The arrival of Mrs. J. G. Cleveland, in April, was a source of great comfort and help.

In summing up the evangelistic work done in Tokyo and Sendai, we find there are seventeen women's meetings held weekly, with an attendance of about two hundred, five Bible women assisting. This work has been most encouraging and much that has been done cannot be reduced to figures. Acquaintances are formed, frequent visits exchanged and an influence exerted for good upon an ever widening circle. May He who has been our guide in the past go before us into another year to direct our way and lead many more precious souls into Himself.

HAKODATI.

Work opened in 1887.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS MINNIE HAMPTON,

MISS ELLA J. HEWETT.

The opening of the school in the autumn was delayed a week by our fears of bringing the girls together from places where some had been exposed to cholera; later, it was closed a week because of two cases of small-pox appearing in our midst. As these were immediately sent to the hospital, and no other cases appeared, we resumed the usual work and permitted the day-scholars to again come to the school. All through the autumn, cholera first, and then small-pox made us anxious for the safety of our girls, but the Father so cared for us that death has not broken our circle nor serious illness disturbed our regular duties. Though the term was two weeks shorter than usual, more and better work was done than in any term before; and with better grading and arrangement of classes the school work has been more pleasant and profitable than in any year before.

We have four good, earnest teachers, besides our matron and the sewing teacher. Of these six only one is not a Christian; much of the pleasure and satisfaction in the work comes from the willing and earnest Christian efforts of our Japanese teachers; they seem to have the interests of the work so at heart as to make us feel that they are one with us in all that pertains to the good of the school.

School opened with seventy-nine (79) pupils, in September. The number enrolled during the year has been one hundred and four (104), closing with ninety-one, sixty-seven of these being boarders and twenty-four day pupils. Ten of the boarders pay their entire expenses. Some among the supported ones pay a small amount, or furnish their own clothes. The tuition from day scholars has been seventy-five sen (cents), from which we have paid one teacher and have considerable balance. As our accommodations are limited we have aimed to keep about the same number of pupils, taking in only exceptional cases and others to fill the places of those who have left.

The school day begins with singing at half past seven, prayers follow at eight, after those until quarter of nine, drawing and English writing occupy four mornings, while Friday mornings the Japanese pastor conducts the prayers and talks to the girls. From quarter of nine until four, five classes are kept reciting at each hour.—our hours being forty-five minutes. Each girl has her assigned household duties, the work being changed each term, and each girl sews forty minutes a day. Many of the girls are becoming very helpful in Christian work, and with their help three outside Sabbath schools have been carried on, besides the one at the church, in which they also teach. One of the girls has helped Mrs. Draper in her Saturday afternoon work.

Three evenings in the week have an hour devoted to prayer and class meetings for the girls, Saturday evening is spent in explanation and preparation of the Sabbath school lesson. We use the Berean lessons translated, and the girls take a great deal of interest. Sunday afternoons they meet by themselves for a prayer and class meeting, which they take turns in leading.

In the division of labor, Miss Hewett has had the singing, twelve organ lessons a week, two hours a day of school room work, the evening meetings, a class in Japanese in the church Sabbath school, charge of one Sabbath school and the care of the Hirosaki day school. My work has been five hours schoolroom work, with the care of the large schoolroom, the work of the treasury, attending service Sunday and Thursday evening with the girls, a class in the church Sunday school and charge of a Sunday school. The general care of house and girls, also the Society correspondence, we have shared equally.

The Hirosaki day school has grown to number about forty; they have named it after this school, and call it the "Preparatory Caroline Wright Memorial School," which was their own idea. The Hirosaki people are earnestly asking for a lady to come there, and we feel it a good centre for a day school and woman's work. We are hoping the Society will be able to respond to this call.

While God's blessings to us have been many, and we do not think of numbering them, there are three that specially mark the year and give us cause for rejoicing: The clear and satisfactory conversion of the Chinese teacher, who has been in school since the opening, five and a half years ago; the marriage of one of our best girls to a Christian man of good position, and the good reports we hear of her work among the women of Nemoro, where she has gone to live; and the conversion of two of our day scholars who are from the best families of Hakodati. Of the girls who left school several were Christians, others uniting with the church leave the number of church members about the same as last year. Among the little ones who have never received the outward sign of their faith and trust in God, we number many earnest little Christian hearts.

While we are grateful for the results God has given, we look forward to the future lives and work of our girls with the prayer, that their influence for good and the cause of Christ may be unbounded.

MARY S. HAMPTON.

YOKOHAMA.

Work opened in 1878.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. J. HOLBROOK,

MISS G. M. RULOFSON,

MRS. C. M. VAN PETTEN.

The work of our Society in Yokohama is mainly included in the schools. The three day schools are centres of most encouraging interest, each being a nucleus from which Christian influences are radiating in more directions than can be followed. The pupils from these schools form the element of regular attendance in the Sunday schools of their districts, and the parents in many cases are led by the children's interest to attend first the Sunday school and then the church service.

Last spring, when some changes in the government polity regarding school regulations made it apparent that the expense of our mission schools was to be considerably increased, it was suggested that they be closed, rather than increase the expenditure.

To an inexperienced or casual observer it might seem that there really was no longer need of day schools in connection with our missions, owing to the good degree of excellence attained by those of the government. But

the people did not so judge. After some discussion of the matter, one of the members of the native Methodist Episcopal church presented to Miss Rulofson a long list of reasons why the day schools should not be discontinued. Among the most important were: the influence of the Christian teachers' daily example, the instilling of a reverence for God and a knowledge of the truth each day, helping to fix the one hour's teaching on the Sabbath: then the respect begotten in the homes of the pupils for the kind teacher opened a door for Christian influence which, in the case of the church referred to had resulted in several instances, not only in the parents becoming regular attendants, but consistent members of the same.

The Furocho school was nearly broken up last year during the prevalence of the cholera; even the school building had to be abandoned. In September a new building was rented in Okimacho, but the school-room would accommodate only one hundred children, and this number was attained during the first half of the year. The principal, Mrs. Miromeya, who felt that her work was much restricted for lack of room, was made very happy by the removal of her school in August to new and pleasant rooms in Furocho, where a neat and commodious building has been put up for the Gospel Society, tract work and Furocho school, the second story having been arranged for the accommodation of the latter. This school has three grades, with a teacher for each, is furnished with desks and benches, as are the government schools of the same grades, in connection with which it is annually examined. In addition to the Japanese course, Bible lessons, English and singing are regularly taught. The good influence of the school is shown in a marked degree in the conduct of the children, and in their intelligence concerning the truths taught in both Old and New Testaments. The next school of importance on the list at the beginning of the Conference year, was Kanagawa, which has been growing steadily though slowly during the year. It now numbers fifty scholars, and has greatly improved in character, the attendance being regular at both day and Sunday schools. The increasing interest of the latter is very apparent, much of which is due to the influence of the teacher who is now a Christian. One of the happiest events of the year has been the conversion of this teacher, and his subsequent baptism on Easter Sunday. This school, having outgrown its present accommodations, moves this month into a larger building. The Sunday school here numbers one hundred scholars, and is very interesting, from the infant room with an average attendance of thirty-six street children, to the Bible class, which numbers among its members the sons and daughters of the chief magistrate of the village. Every week a woman's meeting is held in this district, where in connection with teaching of English, knitting and fancy work, a Bible lesson is given. Seven women are on probation and some are asking for private instruction from the Bible women that they may better understand the truths of the Bible.

Nogeyama school was last on the list at the beginning of the year, and owing to an inefficient teacher and an unfortunate location, it decreased so fast in numbers, it seemed best to close it the last of December. In January a large and commodious house in Tobe was secured, and a daily class for women, in which English, singing, fancy work and a weekly Bible lesson were taught. This branch of work proves very successful, and is self-supporting. For some months past this class has numbered over twenty women, most of whom are married. Some are ladies of good social position, being the wives of gentlemen who have influential positions under the government. Nearly all have bought Bibles and hymn books, and some come regularly to the Bible class in our Sunday school. The Sunday school in Tobe was opened the first of February with *five* scholars; it now numbers one hundred.

In April, an invitation was received to teach a class in English at the government school in this district, the president of the school promising to use his influence in inducing members of this class to attend our Sunday school, in which he has been successful. He occasionally comes himself, besides which he pays a salary sufficient to cover the travelling expenses of two of the helpers for the Tobe work. Miss Rulofson adds:

"In these days while educational interests in this country are advancing with such good results that superstition and ignorance seem to be dropping away from the people, as the links of a rust-eaten chain, there is yet great danger for the youth, lest in their eager grasping after that which has the glitter of novelty, be it in scientific or social pursuits, they carelessly ignore the spiritual, which faculty of the soul long centuries of disease have effectually benumbed. Therefore as we look into the bright intelligent faces of the boys and girls in the day schools, we invoke the aid of the Holy Spirit, that His quickening powers may awaken in their souls a hungering and thirsting after righteousness, that the spiritual may keep pace with the mental development."

The Training-school has made a most encouraging record for the year. The number of pupils enrolled is twenty-five. The fruit of the winter months, devoted almost exclusively to study, have been seen in the creditable examinations just concluded, while with the approach of spring have come special opportunities for evangelistic work. One afternoon each week, classes have been suspended and the pupils have gone, two by two into the homes of the people. Several have visited the study houses regularly instructing the women in knitting and crocheting, winning by these means opportunities to teach them better things.

Of the four weekly meetings held by the Bible women, none has been more interesting than a class of more than twenty blind women, under care of Mrs. Inagakio. They are very poor, making a very scanty living, but each month bringing their mites to the treasury, for the general expenses

of the church. A love of music, a striking characteristic of the blind in Japan, has been cultivated in the women by Mrs. Carroll. Their delight in learning our Christian hymns is unbounded.

In Sunday school work nearly all the women have a special part, some instructing large classes, others acting as assistants in the infant department. Yokohama school, now numbering three hundred and fifty has been very largely built up through the work of these Bible women, who go out every Sunday and invite the children to come in. Sometimes when visiting the children, an interest has been awakened in the parents, and homes have been thus opened into which the women have repeatedly gone to instruct the older members of the family. From one Sunday school class taught by one of these pupils of the Training school, nine women have this year received baptism, while eight more have been brought into the church through other workers.

An auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been organized recently, with thirty members, pledging the support of one scholarship in the Training school for the next year. The society is known as the "The Higgins Memorial Auxiliary," and belongs to New England Branch. Already the women are praying that the time may soon come *when in every church in Japan there shall be an Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society!*

The church in Yokohama has become entirely self-supporting, and among the Bible women there is an increasing number of those who, out of their limited income give cheerfully their tenth to the support of the Lord's work. In Nagoyo a few meetings were held in February, and services held in a village three miles distant. As a result, a weekly service has been kept up there ever since. The people are very anxious for a girl's school at this place. The addition to the Training-school has been completed, and Mrs. Van Petten has the position of Principal, as Miss Holbrook was invited to become a teacher in the Empress's Girl's School, founded three years since for the daughters of the nobility. It certainly is a remarkable event for a pronounced Christian woman to be tendered a place as teacher in this school. It is hoped that the repairs on Memorial Home will be completed before winter.

NAGASAKI.

Work opened in 1879.

MISSIONARIES.

Nagasaki.

Miss E. RUSSELL,
Miss E. EVERDING,
Miss M. J. ELLIOTT.

Fukuoka.

Miss J. M. GHEER (home on leave),
Miss LIDA B. SMITH,

The year just closed in this field has proved no exception to the seven years of prosperity that preceded it. While there has been no marked

revival spirit, there has been a steady religious growth. In the Nagasaki school there were but five baptisms, but the older girls are almost all in the church. There are seventy Christians in the school, and a sweet spirit prevails. The girls say there is no quarreling since they learned of this new way. The school enrolled one hundred and twenty-five. The classes made good advancement during the year, only five being below the standard for passing to a higher grade. In another year the first class of teachers passing the full course will be ready to begin work. Miss Russell says:

"More than ever before, the missionary spirit seems to be developed among the students who are beginning to show something of what it means to feel the 'Divine Go,' and see a 'why' for the presence of missionaries in their midst. It was a question often asked 'what motive can these foreigners have in being here and taking students without pay?' Among our new scholars brought in in the last six months, and who are pure heathen, there is a fruitful field which they occupy with zeal, and yet with a good deal of tact. In March, we organized the Sunday school into a missionary society, and our collections average more than two dollars a month. Considering the income these young people have, their returns compare favorably with some of your rich churches."

The Fukuoka school has also passed a prosperous year; seventy pupils, of whom ten are boarders. The outside trouble of last year that was feared would militate against this school, has not had a lasting effect, and the future seems a very hopeful one. The new building so badly needed here for home and school, and which was provided for by the thank offerings of the North-Western Branch, is being rapidly pushed to completion. In Fukuoka, as in Nagasaki, the girl's school is a powerful auxiliary to the church and Sunday school, and to the Sunday school Missionary Society. They have also an auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, formed by Miss Gheer over a year ago. Twenty dollars collected from this society was brought home by Miss Gheer when she returned in July for a much needed rest. Seven years and a half of almost uninterrupted labor made a return absolutely necessary, and some one to take her place should now be on her way. Miss Russell, too, needs relief, but is holding her post until some one can take her place.

During the year a school was opened in Kagoshima, by two girls from the Nagasaki school, who had completed the course with the exception of English. Their parents live in this city and the school is carried on in a part of the house occupied by the native pastor, so that though unmarried they are protected, and they seem to be filled with the true spirit of missions. They have twenty pupils and also a fine opportunity for work among women. They tell of going to a neighboring village and talking to a company of two hundred women. Much good is hoped from this little beginning, which is but a token of the coming army to take this island for Christ.

This work has been carried on by the scholarships furnished these girls by the New York Branch for support in the Nagasaki school.

The dress reform which is creating such a stir in Japan, has suggested the idea of turning the Industrial Department into a means of providing many girls with employment, and also furnishing a new avenue for reaching those who might stand aloof, in teaching the girls to cut and fit dresses. Miss Russell thinks such a department will pay its own way. Four new ladies seem imperatively needed, but only three are asked for in the estimates. Miss Russell closes her appeal for help in these words:

“The doors are opening wider and wider in Japan. I hope the church will see in this the answer to prayers offered, and send the messengers. You may look for increasing calls and thank God for them. They mean, that the hour approaches when if the church shows faith and courage, Japan can be taken for our Lord and His Christ.”



SUMMARY.

STATIONS.	BOARDING SCHOOLS.										DAY SCHOOLS.				TRAINING SCHOOLS.							SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					Value of W. F. M. S Property.				
	Foreign Missionaries	No. of B'ing Schools.	Scholarships in Boarding Schools.	Pupils in Boarding Schools.	Boarding Pupils.	Day Pupils.	Self-Supporting.	Partially Supported.	Wholly Supported.	Native Teachers.	Pupil Teachers.	Christians in Boarding Schools.	No. of Day Schools.	Pupils in Day Schools.	Teachers in Day Schools.	Private Schools Visited.	Pupils Instructed in Private Schools.	No. of Bible Training Schools.	Students in Training Schools.	Supported.	Self-Supporting.	Native Teachers.	Bible Women Employed.	Women's Meetings Weekly.	No. of Sunday Schools.	Pupils in Sunday Schools.		Conversions.	Baptisms.	On Probation.	No. of Rented Buildings.
Tokyo.....	5	1	63	138	108	30	68	57	13	6	6	0	5	372	9	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	12	*5	589	31	8	21	6	\$10,000
Yokohama..	2	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	175	6	100	1	25	19	6	2	3	5	*4	675	..	22	9	3	3,500	
Nagasaki...	3	1	57	125	95	30	45	40	40	3	70	1	20	2	0	0	1	2	..	2	..	3	8	†1	250	..	...	...	...	...	{ 10,000 2,000
Hakodati...	2	1	54	91	67	24	34	38	19	5	1	30	1	4	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	3	†3	150	..	...	...	...	...	10,000
Fukuoka...	2	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	54	3	...	...	1	5	..	5	..	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	.....
Senda.....	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	1	60	8	..	...	...	...	.....
TOTAL	14	3	174	354	270	84	147	135	72	13	10	160	11	661	21	2	100	†3	32	19	13	2	16	33	15	172	†139	38	30	11	\$35,000

*Two in connection with Parent Board.

† One in connection with Parent Board.

M. S. HAMPTON, *Chairman of Committee.*

KOREA.

Work Commenced in 1885.

SEOUL.

MISSIONARIES.

MRS. M. F. SCRANTON,

MISS META HOWARD, M. D.

MISS L. C. ROTHWEILER.

The work in Korea has been re-inforced this past year by the arrival of Miss Dr. Howard, and Miss Rothweiler. Mrs. Scranton has had a great deal of work on her hands. It was impossible for her to begin work among the women until her house was arranged, and it was possible for her to take them under her immediate care. Mrs. Blackstone's liberal gift of \$3000, with some additional help, has given the Society a home. For beauty of location, there is not anything more desirable in the city of Seoul. It is so arranged as to make a comfortable home for the teachers, and also convenient for the women who may come for instruction. The women of Korea can be reached, though they are more secluded than in China, the better classes only appearing outside of their homes in the evening hours. The terrible scourge of cholera which prevailed for some months, closed the school for a time. Mrs. Scranton says:

"I believe I told you about the promise of the President of the Foreign Office to do something for me which would show the people that I had the confidence of the Government. He did not forget his promise. A few days after, he sent the school name, which we were expected to have framed as all government notices are framed, and shortly after, there followed a *kenison*. The *kenisons* are soldiers who are attached to certain officials, always acting as escort whenever they go out. They carry letters, and do similar errands. They cannot be employed by any one except by special favor of the king; so you see the presence of such a man about the place, or with me when I go out, in Korean estimation is really a great thing. I have to pay the man, of course; but I am glad to have the opportunity, for it will, I think, be an advantage to us and our work in many ways.

"The school-name is in no degree wonderful; it is only the royal setting which gives it importance. The Koreans call women (when they wish to be specially sweet and poetic) *pear-flowers*; so our school is the "Pearl Flower School." I am told that at first they gave it a name which would have suited me exactly; namely, 'Entire Trust School.' Probably this meant less to Korean officials than it would have meant to me. At any rate, they appear to think they have done a better thing by changing it to the one which now hangs over the big gate."

Some of the difficulties connected with life in Korea may be learned from the following facts. "Very little," says Mrs. Scranton, "can be bought in this country. Whether we wish to do it or not, if we eat anything but

Korean food, or wear anything but Korean clothes, we must buy them across the seas. When the need arises for even a paper of pins, there must needs a letter go to Shanghai, Nagasaki, of Yokohama, for them. The Chinese and Japanese are beginning to bring in a few things, but the probability is, that for a long time at least, we must depend upon getting our supplies from abroad."

WORK IN THE INTERIOR.

"The time has come," adds Mrs. Scranton, "when we should prepare for an advance movement. There are regions beyond, which must be taken for the Master. There are two or three places we have in mind where we hope mission stations will soon be established. The Romanists are already counting their converts by the thousands, and are only waiting the coming of the French Legation to throw off their disguises and enter with more zeal than ever into the work. All the money needed to carry it on is theirs to command, neither do they 'count their lives dear.' Shall we hesitate to advance?"

"A Korean came to see me yesterday and we had a long talk about the state of the country. He told me about many who were reading the Bible and longing to be taught in reference to its truths. I often feel that these people, many of them, are more willing to receive the Gospel than we are to give it to them. I could not understand *all* this man said, but there was something to the effect that the women who were reading did not dare come to my house, but if there could only be a place somewhere, where some one could *go to them*, and teach them, it would be *very good*. I promised him that just as soon as help came to *me*, I would study very hard and get ready as soon as possible to go into Korean homes and teach them about Christ.

"It is only two years and three months since we came here. As I look back now over the days, it seems like looking back into utter darkness. We could scarcely see a step before us. The Government and the people were so suspicious that if we had not known to a certainty that the Lord was on our side, and that we were here by His command, I am sure that many times we should have felt the case was hopeless. But, we began by taking the one step we could see and then the next, and have not from the beginning done a single great thing. It has just been little bits of common things all the way along and the kind of work which did not appear to mean so very much while we were doing it. But God has crowned it with His blessing. Just now as I write I hear the sound of the saws and the hammers, and the voices of the workmen who are so busy upon the new school building belonging to the Parent Board. A little nearer to me still is Dr. Scranton's hospital. If you could see the people who go there every day and hear some of their expressions of gratitude for good received, you would think at least some were disarmed of their prejudices. Two or three days ago a man upon being dismissed from the hospital turned to those who

were standing about and said, 'I am cured. I am going to my home. I shall not walk, I shall leap. The great Doctor has given life to a dead man.' Even the King himself says, 'The hospital is a very *thanking* thing.' And then, here is this beautiful home, the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and our eleven girls. If you could have attended our prayer meeting this week and heard these children's voices in 'We praise Thee O God, for the Son of Thy love,' and again in 'Saviour like a shepherd lead us,' and have looked into their bright happy faces, I think you would have felt that work in Korea pays. For my part, accustomed as I am to the sight and sound, the tears came into my eyes, and such a tremulousness into my voice as to make it necessary for me to render silent rather than vocal praise. When we can take time to stop long enough to think a little about these things, do you wonder we feel like singing the doxology so that 'all the earth can hear.'

"You prayed for us, and prayed earnestly at last Executive meeting and the 'Lord hearkened and heard,' and 'graciously answered.' This year I want you to give us one hour again. Of course I won't mind if you pray just a bit for the rest of the world, and yet this is *pre-eminently Korea's hour*. Let praises and prayers be intermingled. Praise Him that He has given so much greater success than we, with our weak faith, thought could be possible in so short a time. And then pray earnestly that we may be still more 'marvellously helped.' The workers here need grace in the measure of which Faber tells us, '*not in rills—but in cataracts.*' And what do not my poor people need?"

BULGARIA.

First Missionary of W. F. M. S. sent in 1884.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS LINA M. SCHENCK,

MISS ELLA FINCHAM.

Instinctively with the name Bulgaria we associate revolutions and constant changes, but amid and under all the political seething, there has flowed a very small but steady undercurrent of religious influence, which bids fair to deepen and widen until it becomes a potent force in shaping the religious future of the country.

Our schools are located at Sistof, Orehanïa and Rustchuk, with Bible work at Rustchuk and Orehanïa and a boarding school at Loftcha. Miss Schenck, with native assistants, has carried on the work at Loftcha, but was joined by Miss Fincham, sent by the North-western Branch. Regarding the school which closed in July, Miss Schenck writes: "The assistant teacher has done good work, and the improvement of pupils has been marked. Three were received into the church into full connection, one on probation, and others have steadily grown in grace and stability of Christian character. Our congregations include many of the best young men in the town, and the women come in greater numbers."

Under date of September 9, Miss Schenck writes of greatly increased strength, resulting from her summer journey. She says: "It has been a very busy time with me since I returned from England, it being especially difficult to manage all the business without Brother Challis; but we are fairly started on our new term, with twice as many pupils as we have ever had before. We have been obliged to put the primary department into a separate house, as there was not room for them in the main building. Many of these are day pupils. We might have taken half the children of the city into our school if we had had room for them. We have forty-seven pupils enrolled.

The work is developing far beyond my highest hopes in every direction. The Bible women report a wonderful interest among the women in the villages, and they say that there is work for twenty additional women to travel all the time. Our school is so popular here that the authorities are becoming alarmed, and in some instances prominent people have been urged not to set "such a bad example" as to patronize our school, but *unavailingly*, and these examples will have much influence. Our Sunday school is so crowded that there is scarcely room for our girls. The young preacher newly stationed is very earnest, devoted and helpful."

Miss Schenck expresses great gratitude to those who so energetically pushed the project of sending Miss Fincham to her relief,—working as she constantly was, up to the very limit of her strength, and desiring to make the school even more efficient and the work outside among the women of larger proportions. Of this labor among the women much is expected, as they are a very social people and many of them can be reached in no other way.

Miss Schenck is superintendent of all our four primary schools, and visits them as often as possible; one is connected with the school at Loftcha. The one at Sistof numbered last year thirty pupils, and is in charge of a competent teacher. The school at Rustchuk numbers twenty, and needs another teacher in order to establish two grades and be prepared for the large patronage which awaits it in that growing city. The school at Orchania, numbering ten, is taught by a graduate of the Loftcha school. There are openings for two other schools, which will probably be opened next year, and with a little help be largely self-supporting. A spirit of friendliness prevails in the country where only a few years since Protestants were stoned in the streets.

ITALY.

Work commenced in 1877.

MISS EMMA M. HALL, MISSIONARY.

The difficulties attendant upon our work in Italy can only be comprehended by those familiar with the workings of Romish powers. We have as yet only one missionary in the field, Miss Hall, whose work is supple-

mented by that of thirteen Bible women. In order to acquaint the Bible women with the methods employed by Americans in their evangelistic work, Miss Hall supervises the work of each, requiring regular and full reports, and occasionally visits them in their work and gives them instruction therein. It is the fixed opinion of all engaged in the labors of our Methodist mission there, that it is a very needful and legitimate part of the work of Bible women to visit more or less in the families of our members and impart instruction to those who may have given their names to the church, but have never known much of its doctrines, or experienced a change of heart.

One year ago Miss Hall had under her charge eleven Bible women, she now has thirteen and is beginning in another place. It has been a year of beginnings, and in one sense a year of experiments. None have succeeded up to the full measure of Miss Hall's hopes, although she reports that on surveying the whole field, there is progress—there is more faithful effort being put forth, and greater activity. Her tours of supervision have been of great profit to her in understanding the work and workers, and the women have profited thereby.

At *Bologna* there has been a goodly increase in the Sabbath school. One of the special features there, was the little meetings organized in different parts of the city at the houses of the church members which are attended by Roman Catholic neighbors. Mrs. Lopez, our reader there, has been discontinued, and Miss Hall has great hopes of being able ere long to employ one who is not wife of the pastor, in order to give the movement a continuity that it could not otherwise have. *Bologna* is one of the points where they must develop and solidify, making it a centre for the smaller places about.

Florence. Mrs. Willis, wife of the pastor, was [employed there for a short time, but not being strong, resigned the last of January. Mrs. Fabroni was installed and commenced work soon after. At the close of August thirty-four families were on her visiting list, thirteen evangelical, twenty-one Romanist. Mrs. Fabroni's husband, a retired army officer, is earnestly devoted, and of great assistance to his wife.

Toggia. Mrs. Taglionlutela is still there. Her August report gives twenty-four families on her visiting list, nineteen Romanist. An important point, and the popular character of the social life will make it a very favorable place for our work. Mrs. Taglionlutela has more than doubled the number of names on her visiting list since her report in November.

Milano being an important and enterprising city, our work should have there large proportions. Mrs. Campari, the reader there, has suffered great persecution and loss for her evangelical doctrines. She is earnest, and desirous to receive instruction, and profits from suggestions. Mrs. Stozi is also employed there and has particular facilities for reaching the people, as her husband has a school in another part of the city, so that they have two quite distinct centers of work.

At *Modena* we have had Mrs. Cruciani, but there were exceeding difficulties at that point, and embarrassed by these difficulties and not having great strength Mrs. Cruciani was transferred at conference to Forni, but on account of illness has not been very active, but sends encouraging words.

Naples. Mrs. Conte reports twenty-three families on her visiting list, sixteen Roman Catholics. Some of these families she has dropped because she found they were expecting only pecuniary advantage. She is a very sweet-spirited woman and has wonderful tact in introducing the subject of religion. A mother's meeting has been established, garments are made which they can have at a very low figure, payments being made as they can, and garments taken when entirely paid for. During the sewing, religious instruction is given. There is also a Bible class established by Mrs. Conte.

At *Perugia*, Mrs. Stasio being obliged to resign, and for lack of some one to take charge of it, the work is suspended.

At *Pisa*, Miss Biondi has shown great activity. She reports on her visiting list thirty-eight families, thirty Roman Catholic. She has gathered up some children, who come to her two or three times a week for lessons in reading and writing. She has always mingled with these studies Bible verses, prayer, and singing. Mrs. Palmieri was at Pisa until conference time, having on her list twenty-four families, sixteen Roman Catholic. Her mother's meeting was the most successful of any that we had.

At *Foli*, Mrs. Palmieri as the wife of the pastor, is endeavoring to open work.

Rome. Mrs. Mande has thirty-seven families, twenty Romanist. Her work in the Sabbath school and visits resulting in securing scholars for it, have been excellent. The school numbers sixty. A mother's meeting is also established here.

At *Turin*. Miss Monta is all alone in her work, but has had a good influence over some strong Roman Catholic acquaintances.

At *Venosa*, Miss Nittie succeeded Miss Conte, and reports that her work in visiting in Sunday school and mother's meeting, has been very satisfactory.

At *Melfi* two sisters, Misses Pierro, cousins of Miss Nittie, are voluntary workers. They have gathered a little Sunday school which is now flourishing.

At *Soccaro*, a young, energetic, Neapolitan lady opened school October third, with prospect of success.

At *Taranto* Miss Gay has recently commenced, and reports certain openings. Considerable has been done also in distribution of Bibles and tracts, not indiscriminately, but judiciously. From November 1 to September 1, the readers reported 104 Bibles distributed, 129 Testaments, and 239 portions, such as the gospels and psalms; 34,906 pages of tracts are recorded as distributed. Something over 200 little meetings held, total attendance, 1500.

Miss Hall has made in this ten months ten trips to the various stations, occupying from one to six weeks. Miss Hall accompanies the Bible women, studies the local conditions of the work, consults with the pastor, and plans for the workers, corresponding with absent ones, having a record of 289 letters written in its interests.

Three or four girls have been offered to our missionary to be cared for by our society and brought up as Protestants, but we have neither home nor support for them. Yet must we not, ere many years, care either in Kindergartens, boarding, or at least day schools, for these whose minds are unbiased, and whose hearts are tender and impressionable, and so hasten the day when gospel light shall shine upon priest-ridden, bigoted, yet beautiful Italy.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Work commenced in 1874.

ROSARIO.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS JENNIE M. CHAPIN.

MISS LOU E. DENNING.

It is impossible to include in this brief report the many things that seem needful to give a correct estimate of the devotion, earnestness, heroism, and efficiency of the little band of workers here, and what has been accomplished by them during the year, crowded as it has been with great care, anxiety, and constantly increasing work. No words of praise would seem too high,—but their *works*—they testify to their fidelity,—and the record is on high!

The schools had been very prosperous all through the year, when the sudden appearance of cholera so alarmed the authorities that all schools were closed, which prevented the usual public examination of our own schools at the end of the year,—an event which in previous years has done much toward securing the confidence of the community, thus increasing the patronage so desirable and essential in maintaining first-class schools in such a community.

With the pall of death everywhere about them, hundreds dying daily, Miss Chapin writes: “The terror and alarm is greatly increased, because many *believe* that the authorities give medicine to kill those who are attacked, in order to exterminate the disease. A ‘Lazaretto’ was instituted, and many were compelled to go there. A poor woman, violently attacked with cramps, locked her door, and having nothing else in the house, took salt, and prayed to Jesus to save her from death if possible. She slept, and waking took cold water, and she says, ‘*Jesus saved me surely.*’ She was not afraid to die, but feared they would burn her body perhaps before dead! We are hoping to escape. We take the best of care of ourselves, are careful about our food, and then trust the Lord to preserve us from the scourge, which is devastating the city! Those were days of waiting and trusting, for

well we knew that He only could save us from the "pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noonday!" More recently the most malignant type of small-pox has prevailed, proving very fatal; but from this scourge also has our mission family been exempt.

Nine girls have been received into the Home, who may be classed as "cholera orphans." Two have lost both parents, two the father only, and three the mother. Two of these are children of an evangelist, who was working in Mendoza when the cholera was raging so fearfully there. He went among the sick and dying, administering to their wants, spiritual and temporal, and was himself stricken down, leaving his wife and three little girls without funds!

She and her husband were once Roman Catholics; and so she naturally turned to the *church* to see what it would do for her in this her time of need, the ladies at the Home felt that they could no less than take her two oldest girls, one six, the other three years of age. The mother wants to work for the Lord, and is a successful Bible woman, going from house to house, reading and selling Bibles.

This increase of family necessitated enlarging the accommodations, so that they should be comfortable. Four small, poorly ventilated rooms were taken down, and a large dining-room, with dormitories over it, substituted, which has added much to both the comfort and convenience of the large family, now numbering twenty-four. As this was a real necessity, and there was no opportunity to confer with the home authorities, the ladies, with characteristic promptness, aided by the counsel of a personal friend and business man, who kindly offered to oversee the building, made this change, involving an expense of \$1500, upon which they report a debt of \$1000. Both schools opened in March, and have had upward of 250 pupils, with a larger average attendance than ever before.

Of the "second school" Mrs. Turney writes: "This is a primary school, not a large room, but crowded with children, most of whom are Italians; some come clean and well dressed, but most of them ignorant of what cleanliness means! But there is improvement in this regard. I enjoy this work very much, and shall leave it with many regrets."

The presence of a Spanish pastor in the church there is a great relief to our missionaries in the matter of church work, which has pressed so heavily upon *them* for the last three years. There is preaching in Spanish twice every Sunday, once at the church and once at the school, with Sunday school, and a prayer meeting once during the week.

Before leaving Rosario, we should call attention to this item reported by Miss Chapin, as "Donations for Orphans, \$396.75." These donations we regard as sent by the "Giver of all good," as they were unsolicited by us. They were used for the object specified.

In Montevideo the work of the schools established by Miss Guelfi has been continued and somewhat extended during the year, notwithstanding

the discontinuance of a part of the appropriations asked for this purpose,—strong reasons existed for this. The work was in progress, and in the eye of the public formed an important part of our operations there, and the sudden discontinuance of an enterprise of such magnitude might result disastrously to our mission, as it could not be fully and satisfactorily explained to the public without involving the church somewhat, and it would be a great discouragement to our people. Fourteen schools are reported, twenty-six teachers and assistants, and six hundred and twenty-five scholars.

The new superintendent makes a strong appeal to this committee for liberal appropriations for this work until they can reach the basis toward which they are aiming—self-support. They ask for a lady to be sent from home to superintend this important work.

In Buenos Ayres the work was practically suspended for several months. The second school, opened so promisingly last year, was closed. In the spring, in expectation of the arrival of a lady from home, the first school was re-opened by Mrs. Thomson, with between thirty and forty pupils in attendance. If a lady can be sent to this field soon, the work can be re-organized with increased efficiency. Mr. Drees writes: "There is now in all this region a commercial and industrial activity, a ferment of thought, a freedom from traditional bonds, which make this situation much more favorable to the progress of the gospel than that which I have known in Mexico. Ours is the only great aggressive evangelizing agency in all the valley of the La Plata, and its tributaries. A vast amount of preparatory work has been done, and results must accumulate rapidly in the immediate future. We must go forward."

MEXICO.

Work commenced in 1874.

MISSIONARIES,

MISS M. HASTINGS,
MISS S. M. WARNER,
MISS E. LE HURAY,
MISS N. C. OGDEN,

MISS M. DE F. LOYD,
MISS HATTIE AYRES,
MISS NELLIE FIELD,
MISS LIZZIE HEWETT.

The mission in Mexico is partaking of the aggressive spirit which, at the present time, seems given by God to all places where effort is put forth to extend Christ's kingdom. The new work among the Indians commenced by this Society last year, has proved satisfactorily successful, notwithstanding a strong and unlooked for opposition was developed. Also several new stations among these same people are ready to be entered, if we can supply laborers and money.

The presiding elder of the Eastern District, Mr. Greenman writes: "Miss Hewett is making a fine beginning in Tetela; some thirty girls have been registered, a number of whom are really young women, she has secured the attendance of a good proportion at Sunday School, and her labors promise

to exert a marked influence in that section of the mission field." Many of these people have never even heard of a Bible, some being forbidden by the priests to attend the school or church, will come in to the evening family prayer, or listen through a partially open door to the religious services.

"The Apizaco school is still under the care of Srta. Concepcion Orcillez, a sister of Miss Warner's second assistant. She has registered eighty girls this year, and has an average attendance of fifty, and the school has paid in tuition, so far, about thirty dollars, which it is proposed to apply towards the purchase of a baby organ."

The school in Orizaba has enrolled forty-five pupils up to September 1. The average attendance is twenty-five. It has given eight probationers to the church during the year. As our work is extending rapidly along the coast, Orizaba will soon be an important centre, and it is very desirable that a lady missionary should soon be sent to have charge.

The last Mexican Conference sent Miss Le Huray to Miraflores, where she is assisted by Teòfila Barrera and Carlota Gutierrez, both girls educated in the Orphanage. Miraflores is a manufacturing little town, controlled by the owner of the cotton factory, Mr. Robinson, and cannot be called a Romish town, notwithstanding this, there is very little knowledge of true religion. The mothers are too busy or too tired to go to mass, and all their minds are wholly absorbed in providing for their families. All the children old enough and not employed in the factory, attend the school. In the primary or kindergarten department, the children are taught by Teòfila entirely without books, and have short school hours, as soon as they have learned to read in easy words, the girls are transferred to the principal school-room, where there are fifty-seven pupils under the care of Miss Le Huray and Carlota. The attendance is too irregular to bring any of the scholars to a high grade; market days and festivals make many absentees.

Miss Le Huray visits much among the families of her scholars and in the village, sowing the seed of gospel truth, and helping the women to a higher life. She deeply feels her responsibility, and is sometimes called upon for most unusual services. In the absence of the preacher she has even buried the dead. She writes that her two assistants are a source of never failing satisfaction and are developing into good and reliable girls.

In *Puebla*, Miss Warner was left without sufficient assistance when Miss Hewitt was removed to Tetela, and the arrival of Miss Ogden in the middle of April was a most needed relief. Miss Ogden immediately took some of the English classes and commenced a kindergarten course for the little ones. This has proved such an attraction, that it has brought thirty additional scholars into the school, and she has accomplished a most difficult task in interesting a number of native women in a kind of sewing society, with a regular membership fee, the profits of which are used in defraying the kindergarten expenses. She has also taken Mrs. Greenman's Bible class for women, the infant school on Sunday, and a class of larger girls in the Sunday school.

The school in Puebla now numbers ninety-seven, the advanced classes studying Book-keeping, Chemistry and natural Philosophy, and translating an English work on Physiology, into Spanish.

"The Bishop of Puebla is evidently becoming alarmed at the spread of Protestantism within his diocese, and a recent proclamation of his, forbids Romanists, under pain of excommunication, to send their children to Protestant schools, or to be employed by that sect in the capacity of servants, mechanics, teachers, &c., or to sell them the necessary materials for the consummation of their enterprises, &c., &c." These severe measures are not endorsed by the Government.

Mrs. Angela L. Ricoy, a widow, and one of the most intelligent women of the congregation, has succeeded Mrs. Lozada as Bible reader in Puebla, and is doing her work faithfully.

The school in Pachuca during the summer has been under the care of the new missionary, Miss Field, whose presence in Mexico allowed Miss Hastings to take a greatly needed rest. It still continues its influence and usefulness.

The Mexican Orphanage has also been subjected to some changes. Miss Ayres has taken Miss Le Huray's place, and as she was new to both climate and language, the year has been to her one of physical and mental preparation. The school however under Miss Loyd's admirable management has kept up its efficiency and discipline, and continues to send out teachers for the increasing native work. The following former pupils are now engaged in teaching: Coucha Xochihua, Fermina Ruiz, Jovita Gutierrez, Téofila Barrera, Herlinda Pompa and Carlota Gutierrez. Besides two of the girls are now married to two of the native preachers employed in the work. The school now numbers about eighty pupils, thirty-seven of whom live in the house. Mr. Butler writes that owing to the wise administration of the present Superintendent, Miss Loyd, the estimates for this institution have been considerably reduced, not because of any diminution of work, but because she insists that whenever Mexican friends are able to assist in the education of the children they should do so, and she is very desirous of assisting in the burden of paying for the property."

The women's meeting in Mexico reports an encouraging increase of members and attendants.

Since the departure of Miss Latimer, the school in Guanajuato has been under the care of Mrs. Wilson, who is reported as having sustained it in numbers and discipline. Mrs. Craver still keeps the oversight of the work in Queretaro.

Active persecution in Mexico is kept down only by the strong arm of Government protection, but "The wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain."

MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1869.....	Miss Isabella Thoburn.....	Home on leave.....	Cincinnati, O....	Delaware, Ohio.
1870.....	" Fannie J. Sparkes.....	"	New York	Binghampton, N. Y.
1872.....	" Gertrude Howe.....	Kin Kiang, China.....	North-Western.	Lausling, Mich.
1872.....	" Lucy A. Hoag, M. D.....	Chin Kiang, "	New York	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1872.....	" Louise E. Blackmar.....	Lucknow, India.....	Des Moines	W. Springfield, Pa.
1874.....	" Susan M. Warner.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	Cincinnati	New Orleans, La.
1874.....	" Mary Hastings.....	Pachuca, Mexico.....	New York	Chelsea, Mass.
1874.....	" Jennie M. Chapin.....	Rosario, Argentine Rep., S. A. "	New England..	Chicopee, Mass.
1874.....	" Lou B. Deming.....	"	North-Western.	Normal, Ill.
1878.....	" S. A. Easton.....	Cawnpore, India	Cincinnati ..	Washington, D. C.
1878.....	" Matilda A. Spencer	Tokyo, Japan.....	Philadelphia...	Germanstown, Pa.
1878.....	" Mary J. Holbrook.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	Cincinnati	Hawleytown, N. Y.
1878.....	" M. E. Layton.....	Home on leave.....	Baltimore.....	Columbia, Pa.
1878.....	" Clara M. Cushman.....	"	New England..	Lawrence, Mass.
1879.....	" Elizabeth Russell.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Cincinnati	Keyser, W. Va.
1879.....	" Jennie M. Gheer.....	Home on Leave	New York	Bellewood, Pa.
1880.....	" Annie B. Sears.....	Peking, China	Cincinnati	Bucyrus, O.
1880.....	" Annie Budden.....	Pithoragarh, India	New York	Almorah, India.
1881.....	" Minnie Hampton.....	Home on Leave	"	New York, N. Y.
1881.....	Mrs. Carrie Van Petten.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	North-Western.	Neponsset, Ill.
1881.....	Miss Emma S. Knowles.....	Naini Tal, India.....	New England..	Newark, N. J.
1881.....	" Phoebe Rowe.....	Lucknow, "	North-Western.	India.
1881.....	" Francis J. Wheeler.....	Kin Kiang, China.....	"	Chicago, Ill.
1882.....	" Anna P. Atkinson.....	Home on Leave	New York	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1882.....	" Esther J. DeVine.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati	Marietta, O.
1883.....	Mrs. Charlotte M. Jewell.....	Peking, China	New York	California.
1883.....	Miss Rebecca J. Watson.....	Tokyo, Japan	Topeka	Nebraska.
1883.....	" Emma J. Eyverding	Nagasaki, Japan ..	Baltimore.....	Syracuse.
1884.....	" Ella J. Hewett	Hakodati, "	Philadelphia...	Gilead, Mich.

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1884.....	Miss Emily L. Harvey.....	Cawnpore, India	New England..	South Barton, Vt.
1884.....	" Mary Christianity, M. D....	Bareilly, "	"	Washington, D. C.
1884.....	" Fannie M. English.....	"	New York	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
1884.....	" Clara A. Downey.....	"	"	Rome, N. Y.
1884.....	" Margaret C. Hedrick.....	Calcutta, "	"	S. Charleston, O.
1884.....	" Sarah DeLine.....	Bombay, "	North-Western.	Elwood, Ill.
1884.....	" Mary Reid.....	Cawnpore, "	Cincinnati	Cracked Tree, O.
1884.....	" Hettie Mansell.....	Home on Leave	"	Delaware, O.
1884.....	" Catharine Corey, M. D....	Foochow, China	North-Western.	Michigan.
1884.....	" Mary C. Robinson.....	Chin Kiang, China	"	"
1884.....	" Carrie I. Jewell.....	Foochow, "	Cincinnati	Harnar, O.
1884.....	" Lizzie M. Fisher.....	Home on Leave	Baltimore.....	London, O.
1884.....	" Eleanor Le Huray.....	Miraflores, Mexico	New York	Summit, N. J.
1884.....	" Mary De F. Loyd.....	Mexico City, Mexico	Philadelphia	Hillsboro, O.
1884.....	" Laura M. Latimer.....	Home on Leave	New England..	Chicago, Ill.
1884.....	" Lina A. Schenck.....	Lofftcha, Bulgaria.....	North-Western.	Muskegan, Mich.
1885.....	Mrs. M. F. Seranton.....	Seoul, Korea.....	N. E. & N. Y....	Cleveland, O.
1885.....	Miss Anna D. Glass, M. D.	Tientsin, China	North-Western.	Chicago, Ill.
1885.....	" Theresa J. Kyle.....	Lucknow, India.....	Philadelphia	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
1885.....	" Sarah Lauck.....	Moradabad, India	"	Beaver, Pa.
1885.....	" Elizabeth M. Hall	Rome, Italy.....	North-Western.	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1885.....	" M. J. Elliot	Nagasaki, Japan	Cincinnati	Greenburg, O.
1885.....	" Lida B. Smith.....	Fukuoka, "	New York	Syracuse, N. Y.
1885.....	" Julia Wisner.....	Rangoon, Burmah	Cincinnati	Berea, O.
1886.....	" Lizzie Hewett.....	Tetela, Mexico.....	North-Western.	Gilead, Mich.
1886.....	" Anna Lawson.....	Bareilly, India.....	Des Moines	Ottumwa, Ill.
1886.....	" Delia A. Fuller.....	Lucknow, India.....	New England..	Boulder, Col.
1886.....	" Kate McDowell, M. D....	Moradabad, India	Philadelphia	Philadelphia, Pa.
1886.....	" Ori-1 Miller.....	Cawnpore, "	Cincinnati	Huntsville, O.

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APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1886.....	Miss Susan M. Pray, M. D.....	Home on Leave.....	New York.....	New York City.
1886.....	" Nellie R. Green.....	Peking, China.....	New England..	San Francisco, Cal.
1886.....	" Anna M. Kaulback.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	New York.....	Waverly, N. Y.
1886.....	" G. M. Rulofson.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	New England..	New Britain, Conn.
1886.....	" Hattie L. Ayres.....	Mexico City, Mexico.....	Cincinnati.....	Hillsboro, O.
1887.....	" Edna T. Terry, M. D.....	Tsun Hua, China.....	New England..	Boston, Mass.
1887.....	" Mary A. Hughes.....	Madras, India.....	New York.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1887.....	" Ella C. Shaw.....	Nanking, China.....	North-Western.	Moore's Hill, Ind.
1887.....	" Mary A. Vance.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Des Moines.....	Burlington, Iowa.
1887.....	" Minnie F. Abrams.....	Bombay, India.....	Minnesota.....	Mapleton, Minn.
1887.....	" Nettie C. Ogdén.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	".....	Springfield, O.
1887.....	" Mable C. Hartford.....	Foochow, China.....	New England..	Dover, N. H.
1887.....	" Nella H. Field.....	Pachuca, Mexico.....	".....	Boston, Mass.
1887.....	" Sophia Blackmore.....	Singapore, Straits Settlement.	Minnesota.....	Australia.
1887.....	" May E. Carlton, M. D.....	Nanking, China.....	New York.....	Brownsville, N. Y.
1887.....	" Louisa C. Rothweiler.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cincinnati.....	Berea, O.
1887.....	" Meta Howard, M. D.....	".....	North-Western.	Albion, Mich.
1887.....	" Ella B. Fincham.....	Lofteha, Bulgaria.....	".....	Petosky, Mich.
1887.....	" Anna Gallimore.....	Lucknow, India.....	Baltimore.....	Newport, Ky.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Continued.

ACCEPTED BUT NOT APPOINTED.

MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
Miss Eva R. Hinkle.....
" Julia Bonafield.....
" Georgiana Dean.....
" Florence Perine.....
" M. A. McClintock, M. D.
" Izilla Erusberger, M. D.
" Louise Ogborn.....
" *Estelle Files.....
" Emma Washburn, M. D.	Caleutta, India.....	.....	.....
" Ella Johnson.....	Trained nurse, accepted for Foo- chow, China.....	.....	.....
" G. Potter.....
" Emma Garver.....

*Sailed for India early in November.

MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE RETURNED ON ACCOUNT OF ILL HEALTH, AND WHOSE RETURN IS UNCERTAIN.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	BRANCHES.	PRESENT ADDRESS.
1878.....	Miss M. E. Priest.....	Hakodati, Japan.....	New York.....	Canandaigua, N. Y.
1878.....	" Eugenia Gibson.....	Lucknow, India.....	".....	Albany, N. Y.
1878.....	" Clara L. Mulliner.....	Mexico City.....	".....	Camden, N. J.
1879.....	" Kate C. Bushnell, M. D.	Kiu Kiang, China.....	North-Western.....	Denver, Col.
1879.....	" Delia Howe.....	".....	Philadelphia.....	Lansing, Mich.
1879.....	Mrs. E. J. M. Clemens.....	Rosario, South America.....	North-Western.....	Washington, D. C.
1878.....	Miss Mary F. Swaney.....	Mexico.....	Baltimore.....	Leavenworth, Kan.
1880.....	" E. Yates.....	China.....	New England..	Round Pond, Me.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Continued.

RETIRED AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' SERVICE.				
APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	BRANCHES.	PRESENT ADDRESS.
1858.....	Miss Sarah Woolston	Foochow, .....	.....	Trenton, N. J.
ENTERED INTO REST.				
APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.			
1875.....	Miss Letitia A. Campbell .....	.....	.....	Died May 18, 1878.
1878.....	" Susan B. Higgins .....	.....	.....	" July 3, 1879.
1876.....	" L. H. Green, M.D. (Mrs. Cheney) .....	.....	.....	" Sept. 30, 1878.
1881.....	" Emma Michner .....	.....	.....	" Dec. 11, 1881.
1884.....	" Ella Gilchrist, M. D. ....	.....	.....	" April 23, 1884.
1886.....	" Beulah Woolston .....	.....	.....	" Oct. 24, 1886.
1886.....	" Cecilia Guelfi .....	.....	.....	" 1886.
1881.....	" Harriet Kerr.....	.....	.....	" Dec. 11, 1886.
1880.....	" Florence Nickerson .....	.....	.....	" Jan. 31, 1887.

FORMERLY EMPLOYED.		
APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
1869.....	Miss Clara A. Swain, M. D.....	Khetri, India.....
1871.....	" Carrie McMillan.....	Mrs. Rev. P. M. Buck, Almorah, India...
1871.....	" Maria Brown.....	" Rev. G. R. Davis, Peking, China....
1871.....	" Jennie Tinsley.....	" Rev. J. W. Waugh, Dwarahat, India.
1873.....	" S. F. Lemming (Mrs. Shepherd).....	Health failed. Returned to U.S. May, 1874.
1873.....	" Lucinda L. Coombs, M. D.....	Mrs. H. Mansell, Bareilly, India.....
1874.....	" Letitia Mason, M.D. (Mrs. Quinn).....	" Rev. A. Strittmatter, Columbus, O....
1874.....	" Anna Julia Lore, M. D.....	Health failed. Returned to U.S. Aug. 1876.
1874.....	" D. E. Shoemaker.....	Mrs. Rev. G. H. McGrew, Meriden, Conn.
1876.....	" Mary C. Cary.....	" Dora S. Sopher, Chicago, Ill.
1876.....	" Olive Whiting.....	" Frank Davis.....
1872.....	" L. M. Pultz.....	Health failed. Returned, 1877.....
1871.....	" M. L. Porter.....	Mrs. Rev. F. D. Gamewell, Chung King, W. China.
1882.....	" Margaret Elliott.....	Married in 1883.....
1880.....	" Kate Woodworth.....	Married in 1883.....
1881.....	" E. I. Hoy.....	Mrs. J. C. Lawson, Seetapore, India.....
1879.....	" Mary Sharp.....	Recalled.....
1877.....	" Leonora Howard, M. D.....	Married in 1884.....
1878.....	" Julia A. Sparr, M. D.....	Married in 1884.....
1883.....	" M. Hugoboom.....	Married in 1885.....
1874.....	" S. Trask, M. D.....	Married in 1885.....
1882.....	" E. J. Benton.....	Mrs. Geo. W. Elner, Yokohama, Japan..
1882.....	" Estelle Akers.....	Married in 1885.....
1883.....	" M. McKesson.....	Married in 1886.....
1883.....	" Laura Hyde, M. D.....	Mrs. F. W. Foote, Cawnpore, India.....
1880.....	" Julia Goodenough.....	Married in 1886.....
1881.....	" Ellen Warner.....	Mrs. D. O. Fox, Bombay, India.....

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<i>New England</i>	“ M. A. DORCHESTER.....	Chelsea, Mass.
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<i>N. Y. East. (frac.)</i> “	B. G. LOWREY.....	New York
<i>New York (frac.)</i> .	“	

In gathering up the results of another year's work, it is with profound gratitude that we acknowledge the help and presence of Him whom we serve, in all our efforts to advance this work. All along the way by which we have come, are memorial stones bearing the simple inscription,—“Ebenezer.”

We commenced the year with the inspiration of the meeting of the General Executive Committee within our territory. This occasion was characterized by so much of the Divine presence manifested in all the services,—social, business and devotional, that the influence will remain as a perpetual benediction, on individual hearts and our work as well.

The thrill and glow of quickened life reached out to the very “extremities,” giving more vigorous and healthy development and growth. One feature of this meeting, which has been of special benefit, was the afternoon hour, devoted to the discussion or consideration of subjects bearing on practical work, both at home and abroad. The results are seen in the increased intelligence, and consequent deepening and broadening of the work in many of its departments. No year in our history has been so marked by *activities* among our home workers as the one we review to-day.

Not only have the agencies and instrumentalities previously employed been faithfully utilized,—intensified in many places by a fresh unction—

from the Divine Spirit,—but additional means have been devised, specially on lines of work among the young ladies and children. We cannot by any means report the prayers offered, the sacrifices made of time, strength, means, personal ease or convenience by those who have been doing this work, but we do know that five auxiliaries mean at least five thousand regular monthly meetings,—to which may be added six conferences and twenty-one camp meeting anniversaries, a score or more district conventions, besides many public meetings,—and there must have been a very close and inseparable connection between the *working* and the *praying*!

The blessed consciousness in many hearts that all this has been done in His name, for His sake, has been an inexpressible joy,—while the reflex influence has been apparent in a deeper, fuller, personal consecration, and consequent spiritual life and growth among the workers.

As in former years, we are greatly indebted to our returned missionaries, who seem never to tire of the services they can contribute toward creating and maintaining a lively interest among the women and children in our homes and churches, for the uplifting of our sisters in the “lands of darkness.” We are quite happy, nay more, we are full of thanksgiving to the glorious Giver of all good that some of these grand men and women make their homes with us,—it may be until they go to the “prepared mansions” in the heavenly inheritance.

The work among our young people and children is *the* item demanding our joyful praises! Miss Cushman has been organizing Mission Bands, Young People's Societies, scattering books for “helps,” “I'll Try Cards,” “Penny Gatherers” and “Mite Boxes,” enlisting interest, enthusiasm, and laying good foundations for this rising generation to become emphatically a missionary generation,—not only to care for the work here, but in train for the ranks in the field.

This problem of tremendous importance is placed in our hands to solve,—“How can we best educate and mould and stamp this element, that it may become the strongest, mightiest agency in bringing this world to Christ!—Corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace in the grand superstructure, the head-stone of which shall be brought forth with shoutings of grace, grace unto it! While we receive this work with rejoicing, surely nothing short of wisdom from above can give direction to this rapidly developing source of power and efficiency. Progressive we are, and must be in all legitimate ways, but we cannot be too cautious, too reluctant in endorsing methods which savor too much of the worldly secular policy of secret organizations which lure on to membership by external attractions or trappings. Let the young be taught to serve and give from the purest motives—for Jesus' sake!

Our missionary literature has never been more abundant or satisfactory. *The Heathen Woman's Friend* maintains its high standard and character,—and should be in the hands of every woman in our church who presumes to

offer the daily petition, "Thy kingdom come!" Our present list of subscribers is 2,876.

The Leaflets are of interest to all, and have come to be a necessity in our work, furnishing material for awakening and developing interest in missions and missionaries. Three hundred and two thousand, eight hundred and sixty pages of these quiet little messengers, six hundred and twenty-five of "Seventeenth Annual Report of the Society," and two thousand Branch Annual Reports have been distributed, four hundred "Penny Barrels" and two thousand five hundred "Mite Boxes" have been added to those previously found in the homes of our patrons.

We have sent to the foreign field during the year three ladies:

Dr. Terry to Tsun Hua, than whom no one could be better adapted to inaugurate medical missionary work in that district. Energetic, quiet, devoted, she will be the true missionary,—laboring for souls as well as bodies; and Miss Field to Pachuca, where her hands and time are filled with work. She has a class of ten girls in English, the oversight of the Spanish school, crowded to its utmost capacity. She has made remarkable proficiency in the language, being able to converse quite intelligibly with the people.

Miss Hartford is now *en route* for Foochow. Possessing superior abilities as a teacher, with thorough Normal training, she will be a most valuable acquisition to that mission. She has adaptation to and love for evangelistic work, as has been demonstrated while in the training school in Chicago.

We support eleven missionaries in the field. Three are home whose names have been on our list for the last few years, whose return is doubtful. We have one candidate ready for work, and two in the Chicago training school, who will, we trust, be sent the coming year.

This brief summary is but the merest outline of the work of the Branch done during the year. We have had royal privileges as daughters of the King—not only a place in the palace as members of His household, but have been granted a share in the work of the Kingdom!

In the coming year may we honor Him by more absorbing love, more incessant toil, more earnest prayers and more unwavering faith.

"The Lord of hosts is with us,
The God of Jacob is our refuge."

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries and Bands, 525; members, 14,671; life members (new 71), 1,107; honorary managers (new 3), 43; life patrons, 12; conference secretaries, 8; district secretaries, 32; subscribers to *Heaven Woman's Friend*, 2,876; pages of leaflets, 302,860; branch annual reports, 2000; general annual reports, 625; mite boxes added, 2,590; penny barrels, 400.

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries	11
Assistants	20
Medical assistants.....	4
Matrons	3
Bible women and teachers.....	91
Orphans.....	46
Girls in boarding schools.....	87
Girls in medical schools	3
Scholarships	32
City and day schools.....	54
Boarding schools, share in five.....	5

The Executive Committee of the New England Branch meets the second Wednesday of each month, at 36 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1886	\$ 5,671 03
Received from Oct. 1st, 1886, to Oct. 1st, 1887.....	22,983 97
Total	\$28,655 00
Disbursements.....	25,224 47
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	\$ 3,430 53
Set apart as per appropriation.....	2,000 00
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Balance on hand.....	\$ 1,430 53

RECEIVED FROM AUXILIARIES.

East Maine Conference.....	\$ 438 00
Maine “	1,242 36
New Hampshire “	2,261 04
Vermont “	1,466 63
Troy(fractional) “	671 21
New England “	8,131 41
New England Southern Conference.....	3,006 83
New York East, (fractional) “	2,944 63
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Total from auxiliaries	\$20,213 03

NEW YORK BRANCH.

This Branch includes New York and New Jersey, with headquarters in New York City.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	MRS. JAS. A. WRIGHT,....	452 Lexington Ave., N. Y.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	“ W. B. SKIDMORE,.....	230 West 59th St., N. Y.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i>	“ J. H. KNOWLES,.....	Newark, N. J.
<i>Treasurers</i>	{ MRS. J. M. CORNELL,.....	141 Centre St., N. Y.
	“ H. J. HEYDECKER,.....	234 W. 48th St., N. Y.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Central N. Y. Conf.</i> {	MRS. J. EASTER,.....	Marion, N. Y.
	“ S. B. ROBINSON.....	Clyde, N. Y.
<i>Erie Conf.</i>	MRS. E. A. TARBELL, 126 E. Main St.,	Titusville, Pa.
<i>Genesee Conf.</i> {	MRS. J. T. GRACEY,	202 Eagle St. Buffalo, N. Y.
	“ F. G. HIBBARD,	Clifton Springs, N. Y.
<i>N. Y. Conf</i>	MRS. HANNIBAL ROBINSON.....	46th 10th St., N. Y.
<i>N. Y. East Conf.</i>	“ A. LOWREY,	217 Second Ave., N. Y.
<i>Northern N. Y. Conf.</i> “	GEO. GORDIN,	52 E. Cayuga St., Oswego.
<i>Troy Conf.</i>	“ JOSEPH HILLMAN, ....	..... Troy, N. Y.
<i>Wyoming Conf.</i>	“ D. C. OLMSTEAD, ....	.. Nanticke, Luz Co., Pa.
<i>Newark Conf.</i>	“ J. H. KNOWLES, ....	..... Newark, N. J.
<i>New Jersey Conf.</i>	“ D. D. LORE,.....	Summit, N. J.

The work of the New York Branch during the past year has been characterized by persistent earnest effort. The conference and district secretaries have faithfully co-operated with the local societies in raising the increased amount pledged at the last General Executive meeting by the Branch corresponding Secretary. That we have had our times of doubt and discouragement during the year we cannot deny. But never has the Master failed to supply all our need, while often we have had to take to ourselves the words spoken to Peter, “Oh thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt.” Notwithstanding the perplexity and trials with which some of our workers have had to contend, we are convinced that this work for woman has taken deeper hold upon the hearts of the women of the church during the year, and there are more of those who work because they love the work, more of the deep abiding spirit of loving service than ever before.

Encouragement comes to us in the reports from district meetings, which have largely increased in number. Some of the districts have almost reached our ideal, an auxiliary in every church. And we are hopeful that the time is coming when this shall be told, not only of districts, but of conferences.

We have in our branch territory, eleven conferences, five of them are fractional. The reports from all the conference secretaries are full of encouragement. The increase in the number of organizations is greater

than ever before, and in most of these conferences, not one auxiliary has died or fallen asleep.

We are glad to report that the interest continues among the young people, and the Bands have increased in numbers. These societies, we believe are vital to the success of our future work, and they demand special attention of the secretaries, as every means should be used to strengthen their growth and intensify their interest.

Two young women have gone to the foreign field this year, from our branch. Miss May Carleton, M. D., to Nanking, China, and Miss Mary L. Hughes, to India. We hope this coming year to supply some of the places made vacant by the return of those who have worked far beyond their strength while waiting for reinforcements. A new feature of the work in our branch is the organization of societies in the German conferences by Miss Dwyer. We have had reports from ten of these auxiliaries and we heartily welcome this addition to our working force. Already one young lady, daughter of a German pastor, has been impressed to educate herself as a medical woman, to work among her heathen sisters.

The zenana paper fund is not completed, though the money has been coming in slowly during the year. Our assessments were \$3000, and we have raised \$2,300.

The circulation of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* is a matter of great importance to the work and we should be glad if our contributors could understand the pleasure and profit there is in receiving this monthly visitor.

The paper maintains fully its character for missionary intelligence and editorial ability. We regret to report a decrease of one hundred in the circulation. The mite barrels this year have taken the place of the boxes, and as they are very inexpensive, we have distributed them freely and they prove good collectors. The "Leaflets" have come to us as usual, and have been sown broadcast over the branch.

The boxes that have been sent to foreign missions by various auxiliaries, and especially the large ones sent by our President to India and Japan, have given great pleasure to the girls in our schools and orphanages, and are a great relief to the missionary in furnishing rewards and Christmas gifts. These girls like others look forward to the holidays and graduating time, with large anticipations, and the boxes have become a necessity.

The spirit of missions, especially in the Northern part of our branch, has been increased by the "International Convention" of returned missionaries, held two successive years at Thousand Island Park. The influence of this unique meeting could not be limited to any place, however grand and beautiful in nature. It found its way into the thought and life of the men and women who were present.

Other parts of the branch have had the inspiration of the anniversaries held at Round Lake, Mount Tabor, and Ocean Grove, to which we are so largely indebted financially.

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries, two of them medical	15		
Zenana teachers and assistants	16		
Bible women, India.....	38	Day schools, Mexico.....	2
“ China	3	“ South America .	1
“ Japan.....	2	Scholarships, India	8
“ Bulgaria	1	“ China	11
“ Italy.....	4	“ Japan	44
“ Mexico	3	“ Bulgaria .	6
Day schools, India	30	Orphans, India	109
“ China.....	4	“ Mexico	12
“ Japan	4	“ Korea	2
“ Bulgaria	2		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

October, 1886, to October, 1887.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Central N. Y. Conf.	\$4,066.08	India.....	\$11,355.54
Erie	159.80	China	8,733.80
Genesee.....	3,981.04	Japan	7,262.83
New York	7,502.47	Korea.	795.00
New York, East	5,172.76	Mexico	4,720.00
Northern N. Y.	3,958.34	Bulgaria.....	790.00
Troy.....	5,321.76	S. America	800.00
Wyoming	1,577.02	Italy	1,056.00
New Jersey	3,248.18	Domestic expenses.....	852.55
Newark.....	3,896.33		
East German.....	152.27		
Miscellaneous	1,053.29		
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	\$40,089.34		\$36,365.72
Balance October 1, 1886			3,056.59
Receipts for year.....			40,089.34
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			\$43,145.93
Disbursements			36,365.72
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Balance in hand October 1, 1887			\$6780.21

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

This Branch includes Pennsylvania and Delaware, with headquarters at Philadelphia.

OFFICERS.

President, MRS. MARY SPARKES WHEELER, 2349 E. York St., Philadelphia.
Cor. Secretary, MRS. SARAH L. KEEN, 1209 Arch St., Philadelphia.
Rec. Secretary, MISS E. A. TOWNSEND, 1711 Spruce St., Philadelphia.
Treasurer, MRS. J. S. CHAHOOX, 134 S. Fourth St., Philadelphia.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Central Penn.</i> ,	MRS. R. HINKLE, Danville, Montour Co., Pa.
<i>Erie (fractional)</i>	" E. A. TARBELL, 126 E. Main St., Titusville, Pa.
<i>Genesee</i> , "	" T. J. BISSELL, Olean, N. Y.
<i>Central N. Y. (frac.)</i> ,	MISS ISABEL PRATT, Towanda, Bradford Co., Pa.
<i>Philadelphia</i> ,	MRS. S. M. VERNON, 1725 N. Seventh St., Phila., Pa.
<i>Pittsburgh</i> ,	" E. D. VANKIRK, Forbes St., Oaklands, Pittsburgh.
<i>Wilmington (fractional)</i>	" E. B. STEVENS, 227 Boundary Ave., Baltimore.
<i>Wyoming</i> "	" E. L. OLMSTEAD, Nanticoke, Luzerne Co., Pa.

The six missionaries under the care of Philadelphia Branch have all done faithful work; in labors have been abundant; and in pain and weariness oft, but always with strong, cheerful faith and brave hearts have entered every open door. One of the most successful efforts towards the rapid evangelization of Japan has proved to be the itinerating tours that are taken by the missionaries, both male and female.

During the last year Miss Spencer has made several of these, sometimes travelling for five or six weeks, accompanied only by a Bible woman. Women's meetings are held, crowds assembled to see her magic lantern, hear the truth preached, seed is sown in new places, and the weak and lonely disciples are built up in faith and courage. The cause is advancing in Japan far more rapidly than we can follow on with supplies. Miss Hewitt steadily, and with a heart more and more wedded to the work, is pursuing her way in Hakodati, faithfully trusting in God for strength and help.

In India Miss Kyle has charge in Lucknow of the zenana work, which embraces the women in three hundred houses, and to this has been added the classes in the girls' high school left vacant by Miss Mansell's illness and departure to America. Miss Lauck has the zenana work in Moradabad, with some village and school work.

Dr. McDowell has had an unusual experience in a phase of oriental life, differing much from her daily visits to the poor in their mud huts. She was called to spend a month in attendance upon the Maharani of Pauna, where she was royally entertained. She was successful in her efforts, and returned to Moradabad with much honor and attention from the grateful lady and

her husband, and a substantial gift of eight hundred rupees as an appreciation of her skill.

Miss Loyd, notwithstanding her own illness for a time, and that of Miss Ayres, has greatly increased the efficiency of the orphanage and school in Mexico City, and strives to bring those under her care to a personal knowledge of salvation through Christ.

The reports from our Bible women in Japan, India, Bulgaria, Italy and Mexico, the letters from orphans, scholarships, and schools have proved the needed incentive to a continuance of interest among our auxiliaries.

Nothing but a knowledge of the facts in Pagan life can stir the hearts of those who are blessed with the light of the Truth. St. Paul's description of the heathen world in the first chapter of Romans, is a heart-rending, vivid picture of its immorality and degradation, and that picture drawn nineteen hundred years ago is a true delineation of those of today who have not heard of Christ. It was not until the mists had cleared from Paul's own soul, by that blinding blaze of the face of God's own Son, and the surpassing light and glory had hidden earthly scenes from his eyes, that he saw first his own sin, and then the vileness of the world that lay in wickedness around him. It is ever thus, the Lord must first be revealed, and the world shut out for a while, that the soul may gaze upon transcendent purity, before we can comprehend the misery of sin and the depth of degradation of those who have never heard those blessed words: "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." This word has been spoken in our ears, and the Son of Righteousness has kindled a fire in our souls, with which we are endeavoring to touch with flame other hearts; we do not find them all responsive. Indifference and prejudice will not always yield to words that flow even from glowing hearts, only persistent, cheerful toil and patient love can win the way through these obstacles, and the blessed Lord who will not willingly suffer us to lack any good thing needed to make us workmen not to be ashamed, sends the discipline of hard places and sometimes seemingly unfruitful toil. All His vineyard must be tilled, the cold and barren soil as well as the fertile plain, for "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof."

When we went to our homes from the General Executive Meeting of 1886, full of inspiration and zeal kindled from the lips of those devoted and saintly missionaries who had told the story of Jesus' love to those that had never heard, we felt as if the facts we had learned were irresistible, that from such a mount of transfiguration light would glow upon all the months and all the work of the year, and the Lord has been with us, and the light of His countenance has shone upon us, but not in brilliant success. His appointment for us the past year has been rather to dig deeper foundations, to clear broader fields, and not to build higher structures and gather more abundant fruit. We have not collected as much money as in the previous year, having had but one small bequest of fifty dollars, and no large donation.

but sixty-four new auxiliaries have been formed, and 2,400 new members added to our number, which we trust will make their own record in our treasurer's report of next year.

FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries	6
Native Teachers, Bible Women and Assistants.....	28
Orphans and scholarships	84
Native day schools.....	22
Buildings contributed to.....	4

HOME STATISTICS.

Auxiliaries	net increase, 61	450
New Auxiliaries		64
Members,	increase, 2400	13,800
Life Members	" 53	388
Honorary Managers	" 1	23
Life Patrons		5
Subscribers to H. W. F.	increase, 212	1,981
Mite boxes distributed	" 228	1,156
Leaflets	250,000 pages.	
Mission boxes sent		4

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

This Branch includes Maryland, District of Columbia, and Eastern Virginia, with headquarters at Baltimore.

OFFICERS.

President, MRS. F. A. CROOK, Cor. Madison ave. & Townsend st., Baltimore.
Cor. Secretary, MISS I. HART, 612 N. Calvert st., Baltimore.
Rec. Secretary, MRS. DR. C. MORGAN, Calverton, Baltimore Co., Md.
Treasurer, MRS. M. G. HAMILTON, 661 W. Fayette st., Baltimore.

CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Baltimore Conference.

Baltimore District, MRS. H. C. TUDOR, Waverley, Baltimore Co., Md.
W. Baltimore " " S. M. HARTSOCK, 1409 W. Lombard st., Baltimore.
E. Baltimore " " W. M. WINTS, 1738 E. Baltimore st.
Washington " " J. McK. REILY, 3318 O st., Washington, D. C.
Cumberland " " C.W.BALDWIN, 414 S.10th st., S.W.Washington,D.C.

Wilmington Conference, (fractional).

MRS. E. B. STEVENS, 227 E. Boundary ave., Baltimore, Md.

A French writer, as wise as he was witty, spoke of language as the instrument by which thought is concealed, realizing its insufficiency and poverty in revealing the deepest, best things. So sometimes it seems to us a Report,

with its bare figures, its surface facts, its skeleton form, is like the outer garment, concealing rather than revealing the life, the thought, the glow that throbs and burns beneath. So year after year as we seek to bring together a summary of our Society or Branch work, the facts seem tame, the figures hard, the skeleton very dry, unless one skilled to know can read between the lines the toil, the sacrifice, the prayer, of which more or less every auxiliary is the exponent, and every dollar the result. Every worker in the work for this Society knows just what this means, and yet the story never loses its pathos or its power. The record of our year has been full of these stories, illuminating as with a divine light all its pages, and as again and again they have fallen on our ears, we have rejoiced in them as proofs that this work is indeed of God, and that His spirit is deepening its hold on the hearts of our women.

Of the missionaries sent out by the Branch, Miss Layton has returned after eight years of faithful and honored work in Calcutta. Miss Fisher has also been compelled to return because of ill health after three years of remarkably devoted and successful service in Foochow, Miss Everding is faithfully at her post in Nagasaki, Japan; and Miss Gallimore has been accepted, and is about to leave for North India.

That our Branch has been without a representative from our own country in N. India has been a matter of regret, but we have been singularly happy in the character of the workers raised up for us on the field: Mrs. Whitby representing us in Paori, Miss Boyd in Dwarahat, Miss Singh in Naini Tal, Miss Seymour in Moradabad, Miss Stephens in Madras—all unexcelled among English or Eurasian workers. These and the medical assistant in the Bareilly Hospital, the two assistants that have been carrying the medical work in Moradabad, five Bible women, thirty-four scholars in orphanages, with five village schools, represent the Branch work in India. In China, one missionary in Foochow, with one hospital deaconess, four medical students, the running expenses of the City Hospital, sixteen children in boarding school, five day schools, with a few children that escaped with Miss Howe from West China to Kiu Kiang, are our representatives, while we have in Japan, one missionary, three Bible women, the day schools of Kanda Dist., twelve orphans, and, in Mexico, two orphans, and Roman Bible woman, Mrs. Mando.

FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries, four; assistants, five; medical assistants, three; hospital deaconess, one; medical students, four; Bible women, eight; village schools, nine; orphans, sixty-five.

As we look within our borders it is to find many marks of healthy growth and encouragement, yet abundant evidence that we have not as yet attained or are already perfect. We do not know that there has been occasion to pronounce the funeral dirge over any auxiliary, although some languish. Eleven new ones have been organized during the year. In many the monthly

meetings are occasions of great interest and profit, the uniform lessons being earnestly studied, the routine business regularly attended to, and there being devout waiting upon God for the outpourings of His spirit and the salvation of the world, while still with others the query is how to secure regular attendance and general interest. But the demonstration has been abundant, and strong, that no greater power for intellectual, social and religious good lies within the range of our church work than in these monthly meetings. As might be expected this demonstration is more readily given by our young people, whose growing interest in this work is our chief source of hope and pleasure. To extend this interest the literature of the Society has been freely circulated. While the subscription list to the *Friend* is still far below what it should be we are glad to report an addition of 155. Various means beyond the membership fee have been adopted to swell the funds. An Easter offering was made, mite boxes were distributed, entertainments were given. Quarter after quarter with anxious hearts these receipts were counted, and during the early part of the year with grave doubts as they seemed to fall below the standard of our needs and even of last year's receipts, but when at the last quarterly meeting of the year larger receipts were poured into our treasury than ever before at any one time, we thanked God and took courage, rejoicing that we were still on the upward grade, our receipts being \$290 in advance of last year, this without bequest or special gift. Our annual meeting was more largely and generally attended than ever before, and fully up to the standard in interest and usefulness.

Of course any report we make seems meagre, any summary small as compared with those of the branches geographically great and rich in resources that have preceded and will succeed ours, but these humble gleanings we would lay at the feet of Him whose also we are, whom also we serve, and in the consciousness of whose guidance and blessing we do rejoice.

HOME SUMMARY.

Auxiliaries	11 increase,	141
Members.....	400 "	5,340
Subscribers to " <i>Heathen Woman's Friend</i> ".....	115 "	865
Life members.....	12 "	177

FOREIGN SUMMARY.

Missionaries.....	4
Assistants.....	6
Medical Assistants	3
Hospital Deaconess.....	1
Medical Students.....	4
Bible Women.....	9
Village Schools.....	8
Orphans	65

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1886.....	\$ 5,062 38
Receipts October 1, 1887.....	8,909 25
Total balance and receipts.....	\$ 13,971 63
Disbursements.....	10,109 19
Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 3,862 44

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

This Branch includes Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, with headquarters at Cincinnati.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i>	MRS. BISHOP CLARK, Glenway ave., Clifton, Cin., Ohio.
<i>Rec. Secretary</i>	MRS. C. W. BARNES, Winton Place, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Cor. Secretary</i>	MRS. B. R. COWEN, 7 Crescent Place, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Treasurer</i>	MRS. WM. B. DAVIS, Glenway ave., Clifton, Cin., Ohio.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Cincinnati Conf.</i> ,	MRS. I. W. JOYCE.....	319 W. 7th st., Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Ohio</i>	" "	J. H. CREIGHTON.....Lithopolis, "
<i>Central Ohio</i>	" "	A. S. CLASON.....Delaware, "
<i>North Ohio</i>	" "	H. BENTON.....272 Sibley st., Cleveland, "
<i>East Ohio</i>	" "	E. HINGELEY.....Salem, "
<i>West Virginia</i>	" "	F. HERMANS.....Kingwood, W. Va.
<i>Kentucky</i>	" "	G. E. SAVAGE.....Covington, Ky.
<i>Holston</i>	" "	A. C. KNIGHT.....Athens, Tenn.
<i>Central German Conf.</i>	MISS LIZZIE BAUR.....	56 Milton st., Cincinnati.

"A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing,"

sung Luther in the dark days of the Reformation, and millions since have taken up the strain when rendering thanks for help in hours of trial and discouragement. And at the close of a year begun in weakness, darkened by sorrow, and bringing with it peculiar trials, the members of the Cincinnati Branch add this as their testimony: "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that put their trust in Him." Among the many reasons for devout thanksgiving may be mentioned the gratifying increase in our collections, the harmonious relations existing among our home workers, the increasing demand for missionary information, and added subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, the aggressive work done by our young people, and the growing spirituality of auxiliary meetings and District Conventions, when these servants of the Lord have come together to plan and pray for the advancement of His kingdom. The Master has met with them, and their hearts have been "strangely warmed." Some of

these occasions are reported to have been Pentecosts, where the spirit seemed poured out on the waiting disciples. Another "token for good" is found in the number of young women preparing for foreign work. Every college has its representatives. In the state of Ohio alone there are twenty-six preparing with this definite idea in view, and those who feel they are so called are leaders in intellectual work as well as in spiritual gifts. This would indicate that God will call for a corresponding activity in giving, so as to meet this emergency, and it is hoped "His people will be willing in the day of His power." Only the paying members and auxiliaries have been counted. Each year brings some who fall out of line and are not counted when the muster roll is called. There have been new Auxiliaries, Young Ladies' Societies and Bands organized during the year. Each district has held a Convention and special meetings held at each Conference and Camp Meeting which have been occasions of much interest and profit. 3000 Annals and 600 Executive Reports have been distributed, and the unusually attractive leaflets of this year have been scattered far and wide. The uniform study has been very helpful in bringing heathenism before our auxiliaries so that all can understand its hideousness.

Early in the year Miss Ayres left for Mexico, and Miss Miller for India, and both have been enabled to render most excellent service. The serious illness of Miss Nickerson, her subsequent death and burial at sea, were keenly felt in the Branch, and came to each with a feeling of personal loss. Those who had never seen her loved her for her work's sake. Bowing humbly to the will of Him of whom she said "makes no mistakes," we feel assured that whether

"Flung to the heedless winds,
Or on the waters cast,
The precious ashes watched by him
Shall gathered be at last,"

and from this "shall spring a plenteous seed of witnesses for God." Her death was followed by the return of Miss Mansell as the only remedy for the results arising from a severe attack of typhoid fever. The mercy of God shown her in her perils by the sea, and her recovery, add to our sources of thanksgiving to-day. Miss Easton returns to India this month as she says, "to do better work in every line than in the eight years of service spent there before." She will be accompanied by Miss Phæbe Rowe, who came to bring Miss Nickerson, broken down working for her people, committing her trust to the God who gave it. She came on from Aden alone, and the six months since have been spent in labors most abundant, leaving a benediction wherever she has gone. Miss Gallimore will also sail with them. She goes from our hearts, and will be followed by our prayers, though we have allowed the Baltimore Branch the honor of sending her. Miss Warner, of Rangoon, who has given such faithful service for six years, has changed her field of missionary labor to that of pastor's wife and helper.

The thank-offering day was one of peculiar interests. Korea was made the subject of prayer and object for gifts, and special prayer was offered all over the Branch that God would direct in the selection of the teacher for that field. In what seemed a direct answer to these prayers, Miss Louisa C. Rothweiler was chosen, and sailed for her distant field September 21st, followed by the prayers of all, but especially by the German Methodists, who give in her their first missionary to the work of the W. F. M. S. Miss Sears and Miss Russell were granted leave to come home, but as there were none to take their places they are still holding their posts, though the necessity of a change is more pressing in each case. Every other appropriation has been met, and others not counted in last years estimates have made our outlay above what was assumed. But though the treasury was more than once nearly empty, still "the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruise of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord."

HOME SUMMARY.

Conference Secretaries.....	9
District Secretaries.....	44
Auxiliaries	695
Young Ladies' Societies.....	86
Bands	102
Members (aggregate).....	13,700
Life members, 190 new	1,300
Life managers, 5 new.....	90
Life patrons.....	8
Subscribers to H. W. Friend.....	2,425
" to German Paper.....	139
Mite boxes and jugs distributed	6,347

FOREIGN SUMMARY.

Missionaries	15
Teachers, East Indian.....	3
Teachers, Mexican.....	3
Bible women.....	64
Orphans.....	36
Scholarships	91
Training schools.....	2
Day schools.....	36
1 boarding school and part support of four others.....	
Sent for new buildings.....	\$3,000
Expended bringing home and sending out missionaries.....	2,900

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1st, 1886	\$2,085 74
Receipts from Cincinnati Conference.....	6,609 94
" " Ohio " 	7,140 19
" " North Ohio " 	3,794 80
" " East " " 	5,576 93
" " Central Ohio " 	2,807 28
" " Kentucky, Tennessee, and Atlanta Branch.....	1,103 56
" " West Virginia.....	660 56
" " Central German Conference.....	581 10
Other sources.....	358 36
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Total.....	\$30,718 46
Disbursements	26,552 78
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Balance in hand.....	\$4,165 68

NORTH-WESTERN BRANCH,

Includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, with headquarters in Chicago.

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<i>West Wisconsin</i> ...	" L. LAWSON.....	Albany, "

From the various divisions of our steadily marching army we have tidings of progress. Financially, our receipts are larger than those of any preceding year; intellectually, missionary information has been more widely circulated, and spiritually, the seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven

monthly, and the seven hundred and eighty-eight public meetings held during the year could but be productive of spiritual growth.

We have received on bequests previously reported, \$2,589.46 from the estate of Mrs. D. C. Scofield, of Elgin, Ill., and have purchased two perpetual scholarships, (\$2000), in the Chicago Medical College for the use of our medical students, in accordance with the wish of the testator. We have received \$478.09 from the estate of Mr. A. Devon, of Rushville, Ill., \$205.63 from the estate of Miss Kimball, of Wisconsin, and one large bequest is still in litigation. We have two medical candidates under our care in the first year of their studies, and two prospective ones. We circulate of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, 4,590 copies. We have raised for the Zenana paper fund \$800. We have distributed 5,559 mite boxes, and received in collections from them \$2,163.65. We have raised \$50, our full appropriation for the monument to Ann Wilkins, the first missionary to Africa. The Photograph Committee have purchased fifty dozen of photographs of missionaries, and sold a sufficient number to realize a profit of \$70. Our Missionary Literature Committee have sent 282 packages of miscellaneous matter, also five diaries of missionaries, and 328 copied letters. The Publication Committee, through its secretary, Mrs. L. A. Calder and her assistant, Miss Straight, have sent out 2,500 Branch Reports, 18,300 official blanks, a large number of General Annual Reports, 263,816 pages of our leaflets, and quite a large number of copied letters. A large demand having arisen for leaflets published by others, the Committee purchased and kept on sale an assortment, the profit thereon enabling them to purchase a very excellent copying machine, to be used henceforth in copying missionary letters for gratuitous distribution. 2,500 General Annual Reports received and distributed. The Corresponding Secretary's Quarterly Report has been printed twice and sent out to all of the Auxiliaries, also a financial appeal, and a thank offering circular. Most of the Conference Secretaries have also issued appeals to their constituency. There are also issued monthly in our Branch by Mrs. S. A. R. Fish, over 19,000 four-paged lesson leaves, of which over 17,000 are sent to actual subscribers, finding their way into twenty-two states and some of the territories. Mrs. Fish also commenced in August the publication of a lesson leaf for the children's societies, under the editorship of Miss Franc Baker. It has already found its way into sixteen states and some of the territories in response to subscriptions.

Of children's bands we have sixty-five, a gain of fifteen over last year, which was in reality our initial year. In numbers they range from six members in a quiet hamlet, to seventy-one at Cass Ave. Church, Detroit. They in nearly every instance belong to the District Association, and always have a place on the program of their meetings. Arrangements have recently been made by which their funds shall be given to some one of our missionaries who shall be known as the very own missionary of the Children's Bands of the Branch. Miss Frances Wheeler has been designated as the missionary.

Interest among the young ladies has manifestly increased, and a number of boxes of gifts prepared by them have been sent to the teachers and orphans far away. Our thank offering anniversary, March 17, was very generally observed. The gifts amounted to \$4,516.13—\$4,000 of which was devoted to the erection of a school and home building in Fukuoka, Japan.

We have sent out during the year, Miss Ella C. Shaw to Nanking, China, Meta Howard, M. D., to Korea, Miss Ella C. Fincham to Bulgaria, and Miss Frances Wheeler returned to China, and Mrs. Van Petten to Japan. We have had valuable aid from Dr. and Mrs. Thoburn, also Miss Thoburn and Miss Rowe of India, Mrs. Stevens of Baltimore, Miss Frances Baker; and our returned missionaries, Miss Wheeler from China, and Mrs. Van Petten from Japan.

Work among the German population has not been prosecuted as vigorously as we desired, owing to Miss Dreyer's other engagements. But four new Auxiliaries have been organized, but the financial report shows a total of five hundred dollars, an excess of nearly three hundred over that of last year. Reports were received of an encouraging character from our Auxiliaries in Switzerland and Germany.

During the year we have come to the realization of our cherished hope of permanent headquarters. The commodious building known as the "Chicago Training School for City, Home and Foreign Missions," was completed in January, and an urgent invitation was tendered us to occupy free of charge one of its best and largest rooms. Generous friends donated furnishings, even an excellent desk, large maps, and shelves for our literature, and there in this building, which is in reality an outgrowth of the thought of our society, though in no sense supported by missionary money, we meet every two weeks to transact business and learn tidings from our missionaries. There we have had the pleasure of welcoming and bidding God-speed to six out-going missionaries, and from thence our Publication Committee sends forth its myriads of wisdom-laden sheets.

The earnest devotion to our cause was strikingly illustrated in an unexpected emergency for which there was no provision. Our missionary at Bulgaria, Miss Schenck, being physically unable to longer carry on her work without a helper, an appeal was made to send some one to her relief. Miss Ella Fincham, a former friend of Miss Schenck, was studying at Ann Arbor, Mich., preparatory to missionary work, and consented to go at once if desired. A call was made for funds to send her, leave obtained from the Committee of Reference, credentials passed, generous Michigan raised \$525, and Miss Fincham sailed August 25 for her destined place, Loftcha, which place she reached September 28, in excellent health.

A review of the work of the Branch shows steady advancement each year in method, in multiplied agencies, and real, genuine, stable activity. We have another desired privilege not yet granted. That is, a half column

weekly in the *Advocate*, published in our Branch, wherein shall appear notices and reports of meetings, and paragraphs from our missionaries' letters—a favor we hope to receive in the near future.

The entire work of the year, although full of cheer, has been exhausting, and the Branch Corresponding Secretary feels that it is expedient that she be relieved from its duties, but she lays it not down through lack of interest or with intention of being released from its active workers in this hallowed cause.

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries.....	964
Members.....	21,618
Life Members.....	297 new, 2,853
Honorary Managers.....	81
Honorary Patrons.....	13
Subscribers to " <i>H. W. Friend</i> ".....	4,590

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries.....	15
Assistants.....	25
Bible women.....	6
Orphans and scholarships.....	129
Day Schools.....	12

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1886.....	\$ 1,349 12
Received during year to Oct. 1, 1887.....	43,278 07
Total.....	\$44,627 99
Disbursements.....	43,962 25

Branch Executive Meeting the second and fourth Fridays of each month, at 9.30 A. M., at the missionary rooms, Chicago Training School, 114 Dearborn Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH,

Includes Minnesota, Montana, Idaho, Washington Territory and Oregon.

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<i>Assistant</i>	" FOSTER	Fargo, "
<i>Columbia River Con.</i> ..	" ANNA SIMPSON.....	Address not known
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<i>Assistant</i>	" H. D. BROWN	Olympia, " "
<i>Idaho Con.</i>	" IRA WAKEFIELD	
<i>German Work</i>	Miss MARGARETHA DREYER	Turner, Kan.

Through the blessed toils and precious experiences of another year, the Lord of the vineyard hath led us. Some of our faithful members have been called up higher, to the church triumphant, others have been added to the militant army. In some portions of the Branch there has been much to disappoint the fond expectations of the workers, but prosperity has been granted, as some of the reports from the Conference show, *not the increase in membership we desire*, for the lack of organizers in the field. The Branch Secretary is kept, for the most part, at her desk, and the Conference Secretaries are all of them absorbed with family duties, or those of the pastorate, and still we anxiously enquire, "Who will go for us?" We rejoice that Mrs. E. B. Stevens, of Delaware, responded to the invitation of the Branch, and gave us six weeks of labor, addressing large and small congregations, in city, village and circuit charges, visited two camp-meetings, and we trust the seed sown will in the coming year yield abundant fruit.

Our missionary, Miss Abrams, unable to enter the foreign field till the fall of the year, consented to go out in the home fields of Southern Minnesota and Dakota, seeking "to provoke our sisters to love, and good works," and to interest the children in those less favored beyond the seas.

In our Third Quarterly Meeting we were favored with the presence of our missionary, Mrs. Carrie Van Petten, returning to Japan. She kindly consented to leave her loved ones sooner than she otherwise would that she might be with us, and visit some of the newly organized auxiliaries on her way, strengthening and encouraging them, and giving them the privilege of looking into the face of "*a live missionary*." Northern Minnesota and Dakota, Montana, Washington Territory and Oregon were thus favored, and letters of appreciation and gratitude are coming from these far away points. Japan will be nearer and dearer to the dear people who Sister Van Petten visited, and they will pray and believe for its redemption as never before.

The Quarterly Meetings have been well attended, and each has been marked by some special token of the Divine favor. The intense cold of a Minnesota winter in January, or the intense heat which marked July, checked not the ardor of the fervent, consecrated women, who appreciate a good missionary gathering as a time of refreshing and spiritual helpfulness.

We are glad to be able to report increasing interest among the *young people*; more organizations, larger membership and more money raised, but not a tithe of them have yet been reached.

The Childrens' Bands are taking the "Little Missionary." Miss Abrams secured seventy subscribers. We are seeking to introduce the Childrens' Missionary Lesson Leaf among them; also, Heathen Woman's Friend. Better and better, as the years go by, it ought to have a larger circulation among our people, and be more prayerfully read. Each year of our history we have increased our subscription list. Our number now is 865.

Leaflets and mite-chests, or barrels, are still doing their blessed work. In connection with the barrels, let me give a touching incident:

A four years old darling son is dying, and remembers he has in his bank a dollar. "Mamma, bring me my bank." It is brought. "That is for you, dear mamma." "No, Harry, you keep it, and when you get well we will get something nice for you." In heaven, it is well with the child. Mrs. Dickerson brings the precious dollar to a sister, asking: "Can this be put to any special work for the W. F. M. S.?" At the meeting of the board, the letter was read. In the wakeful hours of the night, our beloved President, Mrs. Emily Huntingdon Miller, received an inspiration concerning it, and suggested that twenty barrels, bearing the name of Harry Dickerson, be sent out among the Bands, to collect money for the Memorial Fund; these to be opened at the Annual Meeting, the proceeds to support some special work in foreign fields, bearing the name of the sainted child. Mrs. Miller writes: "Our Harry Dickerson 'Memorial' has turned out quite a success. I had a concert last Sunday night, in Jackson street, St. Paul, and had the children bring in their barrels, and we got \$26.00, besides a pledge from Brother Forbes that he would give \$20.00 a year to support an orphan, in memory of his little Nellie.

Miss Abrams is on her way to her field of labor, Bombay. Her heart bounded with joy when the word reached her that the way was open for her to go. Miss De Line, who has so long and patiently waited for a comrade, will rejoice, and we will follow her with our fervent prayers.

Miss Sophia Blackmore reached Singapore the last week in July, and at once commenced the study of the language and her visits among the people. Miss Nettie C. Ogden is in good health, and much enjoying her work in Puebla, Mexico. We have good tidings from Miss D'Abieu and Mrs. Waid, our assistant missionaries in India. The Treasurer's Report is encouraging, and for it we lift high and long our notes of praise. The Bequest of our Sister Harrison (\$5000), who served us as Treasurer until she was called to the prepared mansion, is ready for service, and, knowing her deep interest *in*, and earnest labor *for*, the uplifting of women, especially in industrial enterprises, the Annual Meeting passed the following resolution, which we hope will receive the kindly consideration of the General Executive Committee:

Whereas, we have heard for the past two years of the need of an Industrial School in Tokyo, Japan, and at this meeting, of the urgent desire of our missionaries that it be at once established, therefore,

Resolved, That we request our Branch Secretary to secure for our Branch this work, toward which we believe our Sister Harrison would gladly devote part of her bequest, as she devoted her life to the uplifting of women.

OUR GERMAN WORK AND PAPER.

Owing to the absence of Miss Dreyer from the field during the entire year, this work has not advanced very much. Miss Dreyer's field is too large. We need a German secretary in each of our Branches — who can devote her time to the work. The results would be most satisfactory. Our German sisters are earnest and benevolent, but there are few leaders to be found among them.

Our Annual Meeting, though not largely attended, because of our “magnificent distances,” was a meeting long to be remembered, because of the manifested presence of the Master of assemblies. Sister Phœbe Rowe, “a servant of the church” in India and America, was with us, coming “in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ,” charming us with her sweet words and songs, and constraining us to love our India more fervently than ever, and to do and pray more for her redemption. Surely we may say of this dear Phœbe, as of the one in Paul's day: “She hath been a succorer of many, and of myself also.”

We also desire to express our sense of loss in the removal of our *beloved Bishop Harris*, who has not only been to our Society, from its organization, such a warm and firm friend, but in our own Branch, rendered such efficient service while presiding over the five Conferences of the North Pacific Coast, embracing every opportunity to say kind, earnest words for work and workers, and so giving an impetus to the work which has been abiding. “He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.”

HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries	143	13	Increase,
Members	3,172	288	“
Life Members	228	32	“
Honorary Managers	31	3	“
Life Patrons	5	2	“
Subscribers to <i>Heathen Woman's Friend</i>	863	41	“
No. of Mite Boxes in use	1000	500	“
Children's Bands	17		
Membership	239		

FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries	3
Assistants	2
Zenana Teachers and Assistants	8
Bible Readers	8
Matron	1
Schools	3
Scholarships	41
Orphans	11

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Minnesota Conference	\$4,942 65	\$1,438 26
North German Conference	658 90	18 28
Dakota "	517 35	237 44
North Dakota "	193 65	67 76
Montana "	136 25	9 27
Columbia River "	238 13	172 47
Oregon "	329 06	189 80
Idaho "	41 94	
Puget Sound "	37 30	5 60
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Grand Total	\$7,095 23	\$2,138 88
Disbursements	\$6,242 85	
Balance over disbursements	852 38	
Balance October 1, 1886	2,795 82	
Balance October 1, 1887	3,648 20	
Bequest of Mrs. J. T. Harrison, of Minneapolis	5,000 00	
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Total	\$8,648 20	

TOPEKA BRANCH,

Includes Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Nevada and California, with headquarters at Topeka.

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<i>S. California</i> ... "	J. P. EARLEY	Los Angeles, Cal.
<i>W. German</i>	MISS M. DREYER.....	Turner, Kan.

The Topeka Branch is now four years old. It has a large and only partially developed territory, consisting of six states and territories. This immense area includes eleven Conferences, and, as near as we can learn, forty-three Districts, twenty-six of which are organized into District Associations, and twenty-seven Conventions have been held.

The flattering promise of the spring, of abundant crops, upon which our financial interests depend so largely, was blasted by the drought of July and August. This causing business depression, our receipts were considerably curtailed. Still we rejoice, that, notwithstanding these discouragements, we are able to report all obligations met. For this we praise God. There has been during the year an unusual awakening of missionary enthusiasm in nearly all the conferences, and the demand for "Special Work" is unprecedented. This demand has so greatly exceeded the supply, that we have been tempted to ask of Mrs. Gracey a new issue of the leaflet, "An Orphan it Must be." Thirty-nine Auxiliaries and twenty-three Young Ladies and Juvenile Societies have been organized during the year, and one hundred and two Life Members, and six Honorary Managers have been added to our list.

There has been also a small increase in our list of subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*. Two hundred and fifty thousand pages of leaflets have been distributed, and still the demand has been for *more*. We have had \$522.35 of Zenana Fund invested during the year at ten per cent., and have sent to the Treasurer of this fund \$44.20 interest.

It has been my privilege during the year to assist in *two* Conference Anniversaries, two District Conventions, one Sunday School Assembly, and to visit and address about thirty different societies. This has necessitated about 3000 miles of travel, which has been accomplished without any draft upon our Branch Treasury. The work of correspondence has been much heavier than last year, and has demanded all my time, and, although head, hand and heart have grown very weary at times, the promised sufficient strength has been given to carry through the work of the year. For this I thank God.

We have been favored the past year in having with us Brother and Sister Buck, formerly of India, now stationed at Topeka, who have given valuable service at District Conventions, the Assembly, and at public meetings, and at our Annual Meeting. We were also privileged in having Miss Thoburn and Miss Swaney at our Annual Meeting, which privilege was highly appreciated and enjoyed by those present. Dr. Thoburn kindly and ably represented our interests at the sessions of the Nebraska Conferences, in September, delivering addresses at our Anniversaries in the three Conferences, from which we anticipate much good to our work in Nebraska. The presence and words of these consecrated workers will, we think, be of incalculable advantage to our work the coming year.

Topeka Branch supports work in India, China, Japan, Korea, Bulgaria, Italy, South America and Mexico. In India we have one missionary, Miss Blackmar, who has charge of the "Home for Friendless Women" in Lucknow. She is also Treasurer of the funds of the W. F. M. S. for all India. Last spring her health showed signs of failing, but after a short vacation and sea voyage, she returned to her work greatly strengthened. Our other work in India consists of the support of orphans, scholars, Bible readers and assistants.

In China we have shares in the buildings in Tsun Hua and Chin Kiang, and the support of Bible readers and scholars, and the day schools of Tartar City, Peking, and of Hok Chiang in the Foochow mission.

In Japan we have one missionary, Miss Watson, who is connected with our boarding school in Tokyo. We have here, also, two scholars, and a share in the new building. In Hakodati, Yokohama and Nagasaki, we have scholarships, and a teacher in Fukuoka. In Mexico City we have a share in the new Home and Orphanage, and two scholars; also, in Puebla, two scholars. And the entire support of the work in Ayapaugo. In Rosario, S. A., we have assistant teachers, and a share in a Charity school. In Bulgaria and Korea we have two scholarships each, and in the latter place supply the furniture for the new Home and School.

We cannot close this report without putting upon record our heartfelt thanks to God for the most prosperous and successful year we have ever enjoyed.

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

Missionaries	2
Bible Readers	7
Teachers	6
Orphans and Scholars.....	80
Schools.....	4
Contributed to six buildings.....	\$1,728.00

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries	215, increase	27
Members	5,048, "	786
Young Ladies' Societies.....	31, "	5
Members	796, "	—
Juvenile Societies.....	35, "	20
Members	934, "	699

Life Members	475, increase	102
Honorary Managers.....	16, “	6
Life Patrons.....	1, “	—
Subscribers to H. W. F.....	1,083, “	21
Subscribers to H. F. F.....	187, “	67
Conference Secretaries.....	10	
District Secretaries	37	
Pages of Leaflets	250,000	
Branch Annual Reports	1,000	
W. F. M. S. Annual Reports	400	

RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES.

Kansas	\$1,932.85
S. Kansas	1,333.30
N. W. Kansas	634.05
S. W. Kansas.....	1,225.50
Nebraska	1,158.62
N. Nebraska	398.11
W. Nebraska	13.00
Colorado	1,230.72
S. California	964.42
W. German	524.55
Miscellaneous	145.46
Total.....	<u>\$9,560.57</u>

SUMMARY.

To Receipts	\$9,560.57
To Balance from Last Year	661.68
Total.....	<u>\$10,222.25</u>
By Disbursements	\$7,942.19
By Amount to Balance.....	2,228.06
Total.....	<u>\$10,222.25</u>

RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES.

Detroit Conference.....	\$ 3,843 39
Michigan “	5,404 89
Indiana “	867 15
N. Indiana Conference.....	2,607 77
N. W. Indiana Conference	1,998 20
S. E. “ “	1,437 28

Amount carried forward, \$16,158 68

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$16,158 68
Rock River Conference		12,556 43
C. Illinois "		2,109 64
Illinois "		3,944 99
S. Illinois "		953 02
Wisconsin "		2,367 68
W. Wisconsin "		614 50
Chicago German "		195 27
Central "		61 75
St. Louis "		335 05
Norwegian and Danish Conference.....		29 75
Miscellaneous		1,049 97
Total		\$40,376 73

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Includes the states of Iowa and Missouri.

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GERMAN WORK.

MISS MARGARETHA DREYER, Turner, Kansas.

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MRS. ANNA D. HOUTS, Warrensburg, Mo.

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Marshalltown District, MRS. M. M. VERTZ, Marshalltown, Iowa.
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A year of unusual activity on the part of our Christian workers in the Des Moines Branch, perfect harmony in all our councils, a treasury better filled than in any former year, sets our hearts bounding with joy, and our lips uttering praises to Him who has thus crowned the year with His goodness.

The growing interest of our young ladies and girls is very noticeable. They have been glad to organize whenever there has been an opportunity, and when organized into societies, or bands, have pushed their work with refreshing vigor. We expect great things in the not distant future, from the education our young people are receiving in this way. Eighteen hundred "penny gatherers" have been taken by our little folks in the last month, and we fully expect our treasury to show the effect of their zealous labors. We are trying to impress our people with the truth that the children must be won for our cause, or their young enthusiasm will take some less important direction. Twelve district conventions have been held, six conferences, and one camp-meeting anniversary, and an unusual number of public meetings. A great want that has burdened us for years has been, in a measure supplied—that is the need of information from foreign fields, given by the returned missionaries themselves. This Fall, Miss Clara M. Cushman has given us one month of solid work in Iowa. Her success shows how greatly the work was needed. Miss Hettie Mansell, with equal zeal, but not quite so much strength and experience, has done all she could for us in Missouri. For these missionaries and their labors, we devoutly thank God.

The usual number of executive and Branch reports have been distributed, and we have used with great profit 30,000 leaflets.

Our growing appreciation of *The Heathen Woman's Friend* is evident from an increase of two hundred subscribers the first six months of this year, and another hundred more since then. Much of the credit for this increase must be given to our little branch paper, "*The Helper*," which has been constant in its exhortation to exertion in this line. It carries to every auxiliary the letters from our missionaries, and the orphans we support, many items of local interest in our branch, reports of our conventions, and messages from the conference secretaries. It has brought up our Christmas offering from two hundred dollars to eight hundred. Through Miss Cushman's efforts we have had a revival of interest in mite boxes, and over five hundred have been distributed. Early in the year Miss Mary Vance went to Japan, and we believe is doing devoted work in the Tokyo school. She writes like a veteran missionary, and though there has not been time enough for her to learn the language, she is doing six hours teaching daily.

We hear much praise of our Miss Lawson, now in the Bareilly orphanage, India, from her co-laborers, and rejoice that she is fulfilling our expectations of her. Both of our missionaries had the benefit of a little time in the Chicago Training school, and went out with Mrs. Myer's hearty commendation.

One great sorrow has come to us, the resignation in the middle of the year of Mrs. L.D. Carhart, our able Branch secretary. Home cares and failing health made the step imperative, but we are hoping that she may be given back to this work where she is so greatly needed.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Our annual meeting just closed was pronounced by all the best we have ever held. Mrs. Mary C. Nind, Miss Cushman, Miss Mansell, and Miss Thoburn were our honored guests, and each contributed her share to the richest programme we have ever had. So pleased were the people of Grand Avenue church, Kansas, that they contributed three hundred dollars, and made each of the missionaries an honorary manager of the Des Moines Branch, and Miss Cushman was presented with a fine oil painting. Above all we were blessed with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, through whom all the good work done this year has been accomplished. Here and now we make our humble acknowledgements in honor of Him. Facing the great opportunities and responsibilities of a new year, with our inexperience, heart would fail us, but we have the promise, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

HOME SUMMARY.

Auxiliaries	338
Members	7,660
Increase	527
Life Members	773
Honorary Managers	25
Life Patrons	5
Young Ladies Societies	38
Subscribers to <i>Friend</i>	1,344
Subscribers to German <i>Friend</i>	93
Leaflets distributed	30,000

FOREIGN SUMMARY.

Missionaries	2
Bible women	
India	9
Italy	1
Mexico	1
Orphans,	
India	38
Mexico	3
Scholarships,	
Japan	14
China	15

SUMMARY OF HOME WORK, 1886-87.

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REPORT OF GERMAN WORK.

This is the fourth year of work among the Germans. Miss Dreyer, the secretary, in making her report says:

"I will report by conferences: first, we have the Western German Conference. The number of auxiliaries has not increased beyond what they were two years ago, as to members, but we have been on the increase. Not forgetting that this is a mission conference, where not a single minister gets as much as a thousand dollars a year, our contributions fall a little short of last year.

The Northern German Conference is next in age; this is the first year that the name of this conference appears among the list of conferences, being a portion of the old North-Western Conference. It comprises the the state of Minnesota, the southern part of Dakota and an appointment or two in Wisconsin. If it does not show an increase, I am glad it has not fallen behind. From one little country auxiliary the secretary wrote: "I earned my dollar by herding the cattle on the stubble fields after harvest." Another says: "I thought I must quit my post because God has given us another little 'restless one,' but the sisters said 'If you quit, all must stop;' so I thought I must go on and do the best I can; the sisters take care of the baby while I conduct the meeting."

The North-Western German Conference is mostly in the Des Moines Branch with appointments in upper Iowa, southern Dakota, with a charge or two in Wisconsin and Illinois. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has but a few auxiliaries within its bounds, but the few are good. From one place they report every woman of the church a member of the auxiliary, and have also gathered in the girls.

The St. Louis German Conference shows no increase of auxiliaries, but no decrease, and a very excellent growth in the interest of existing organizations, if we judge by the receipts in the treasury, their contributions being almost double that of last year.

The Chicago German Conference is beginning to advance, though I have not visited it for more than a year. The contributions of the entire conference have increased fifty per cent. over last year.

The Central German Conference is partly in the Philadelphia, North-Western and Cincinnati Branches, the latter having the larger and better portion. This conference has increased in every respect. They have more members, more auxiliaries, and have doubled the contributions of last year. But the best gift of the year is undoubtedly Miss L. C. Rothweiler, now in Korea. Her home is in this conference. That portion of the conference located in the Cincinnati Branch desire her support, which is a promised advance of twenty per cent. over last year.

The Eastern German Conference closes the list of conferences in the United States that have worked for the Society. One year ago this conference had not a single organization, but send in as conference gleanings a very acceptable sum.

SUMMARY.

Conferences.	Auxiliaries.	Members.	L. Members	M. Boxes.	Receipts 1886.	Receipts 1887.
Central German	24	586		329	\$330.00	\$656.42
Chicago "	9	159			129.20	195.27
Eastern "	14	364		68	85.00	225.00
Northern "	24	568	6		812.00	666.11
N. Western "	5	136				183.80
St. Louis "	11	334			283.00	354.05
Western "	17	417	13		606.00	583.55
Total for U. S. . .	104	2614	19	464	\$2249.20	\$2864.20
Germany	33	487				\$ 75.23
Switzerland	14	497				66.28
Total for Europe .	47	984				\$141.51
Grand total. . . .	151	3598	19		\$2249.20	\$3005.71

The number of subscribers to the *Heiden Frauen Freund* is over sixteen hundred.

Looking over the summary, I wish to make this explanation, I have counted all places auxiliaries that have contributed ten dollars and over to the cause, as I know no charge sends that much merely as gleanings. Others who do not contribute as much I have counted, but they are new and the recognition will do them good and the cause as well.

Mrs. Achard, daughter of Dr. Jacoby, the father of Methodism in Germany and Switzerland, mother of eleven children and matron or "Haus-Mutter" for the students of Martin Institute at Frankfort on the Main, was elected president of the organization in Germany. Very wise was her arrangement according to which the membership fee is fixed at thirty cents yearly, in this wise she enlisted the masses, those who can do more, and feel so inclined can and do so. One of the ministers reporting the condition of the work on his circuit to Mrs. Achard, reported eighteen preaching places with three hundred members, eight of these appointments had members for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, not all women to be sure, but all such as felt the desire to aid, so that all told he reported one hundred and twenty-five members, and contributions in proportion. In closing his letter he writes: "The cause is advancing, Hallelujah!" They wish their contributions to go to Korea.

Switzerland began a little later. But no sooner was the cause presented to the people than they, took to it with alacrity and thus show

up grandly, though their report covers only the first six months of their organization. Mrs. Spærri, president of the conference society writes: "The majority of our auxiliaries meet in connection with some other church organization. I think we did well for the short time, but as many paid in advance for the entire year it may be that our second six months may not be as rich in receipts as the first six have been."

REPORT OF THE ZENANA PAPER.

In the year 1883, at the meeting of the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, at Des Moines, Iowa, the proposition was made by returned missionaries that a Christian paper be established for the women of India, printed in their own language. There were present the following missionaries from India: Rev. T. Craven and wife, Mrs. E. W. Parker, Mrs. Dr. Johnson, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Badley, Mrs. I. L. Hauser and Mrs. J. T. Gracey. These workers stated the actual need for such a paper, bringing out the fact that of the newspapers published in India, nearly all were antagonistic to Christianity, and that there was not in the land any native periodical literature suitable to put in the hands of the women.

The Committee decided to undertake the enterprise, and make an effort to raise twenty-five thousand dollars over and above the regular missionary contributions, for this purpose. The announcement was made that a lady much interested offered the last five thousand dollars. Before any money was raised, the ladies said, "We cannot wait," so the paper was established, and early in the year 1884 made its appearance from the American Methodist Mission Press, Lucknow. The expenses for the first year were met from the proceeds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*. The paper was named the "*Woman's Friend*."

This paper is issued fortnightly. From its establishment, until a year ago it has been edited by Miss L. Blackmar. It is now printed in four dialects, viz.: Urdu, Hindi, Bengali and Tamil. The Urdu and Hindi editions are printed in Lucknow, and are in charge of Mrs. B. H. Badley. In Calcutta a third edition is printed in Bengali, in charge of Mrs. J. P. Meik, and in Madras a fourth in Tamil, in charge of Mrs. Rudisil. There are five thousand copies issued every month, and it is estimated that twenty thousand women in the zenanas read it, the printed page reaching where no missionary's voice can penetrate. The endowment money is not all raised. It only lacks about twelve hundred dollars of completion. Over eighteen thousand dollars have been paid in and invested for this purpose. Let every Methodist woman who has contributed to this fund congratulate every other who has helped to send out this paper in these four different languages, to brighten the homes, and help lead the women of India to Christ.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, In our judgment the *Heathen Woman's Friend* has never been better conducted than during the past year; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we heartily indorse its efficient editor, Mrs. W. F. Warren, and urgently recommend her continuance in that position, with a salary of \$700 per year, and money sufficient for incidental expenses.

2. *Resolved*, That having found the accounts of Miss P. J. Walden, agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, correct and properly vouched for, and as fine business capacity has been displayed in her investments, and great economy in her expenditures, we give her our hearty approval, and recommend her continuance as agent, with a salary of \$700 per year, and a sufficient sum to cover incidental expenses.

3. *Resolved*, That we appreciate the valuable services of Mr. A. S. Weed, as auditor of the accounts of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and request a continuance of the same.

4. *Resolved*, That we acknowledge with gratitude an increase in the circulation of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* during the past year, and, as we consider it indispensable to a proper knowledge of the work, we recommend that a systematic effort be made by conference and district secretaries to have a subscriber in each family represented in the Society.

5. *Resolved*, That, while we earnestly appreciate the services of Miss Dreyer in connection with the German paper, the *Heiden Frauen Freund*, yet in view of the pressure upon her in organizing work among the Germans, and our great desire to have her services in all our Branches, we require nothing of her in connection with this paper beyond her reports in the Home Department.

6. *Resolved*, That we request Mrs. Warren to take entire charge of the editing of the *Heiden Frauen Freund*, and whatever expenses are involved shall be met from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

7. *Resolved*, That Miss P. J. Walden be continued agent of the *Freund*.

WHEREAS, We have examined the accounts of the Leaflet Committee, and have found them correct and properly vouched for, therefore,

8. *Resolved*, That we thank Mrs. J. T. Gracey for her valuable services in this connection.

WHEREAS, The accounts of the Leaflet Committee show an indebtedness of \$148.88, therefore,

9. *Resolved*, That this indebtedness be met from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

10. *Resolved*, That we repeat the request in resolution 14 of last year's report of Committee on Publication, viz:

11. *Resolved*, That we request Mrs. J. T. Gracey to prepare supplemental chapters to her valuable book on Medical Missions and Missionaries, bring-

it down to the present time, and that these chapters be printed in such form as to be sold with the stock yet on hand, at a reduced price, until the present supply is exhausted.

WHEREAS, The increasing demands for missionary literature, and the confusion in the public mind as to the sources from which supplies are to be obtained, make some changes necessary, therefore,

12. *Resolved*, That there be a Literature Committee, whose work shall be to edit the Annual Report, to provide leaflets, uniform readings, lesson leaves, and other helps for monthly and public meetings, especially for young ladies' and juvenile societies, and to so far unify with these the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, as to secure combined instruction on definite themes for more effective work.

13. *Resolved*, That this Committee be empowered to draw on the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* for all necessary expenses in prosecuting their work, said amount not to exceed \$2000; but should any increased expenditure be deemed necessary, this committee shall seek authority therefor from the constitutional Publication Committee.

14. *Resolved*, That this committee consist of five persons, and that we recommend the following: Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Mrs. W. F. Warren, Miss P. J. Walden, Mrs. M. B. Hitt, and Miss I. Hart.

15. *Resolved further*, That we recommend that this Committee organize itself.

WHEREAS, We learn with regret that Mrs. H. Benton will be unable to continue her work on the "Uniform Readings," therefore,

16. *Resolved*, That we tender to her our sincere thanks for her valuable contributions in this direction.

17. *Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this Executive Committee are hereby tendered to Mrs. B. R. Cowen, for valuable service rendered in the preparation of the Seventeenth Annual Report.

18. *Resolved*, That certificates of life members, honorary managers, and patrons made during the year, be paid for from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and furnished to those entitled to them free of charge.

19. *Resolved*, That the proceedings of this General Executive Committee meeting be published in the December number of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* as heretofore, and that the reports of the standing committees be also published in the Eighteenth Annual Report.

MRS. T. H. HAGERTY, *Chairman*.

MISS MATTIE A. HUMPHREY, *Secretary*.

Report of Committee on Missionary Candidates.

1. The papers of Miss Georgiana Dean, presented by the Minneapolis Branch, are satisfactory in most respects, but as Miss Dean wishes to pursue her studies, and is now in the Chicago Training School, we recommend her

continuance there during the present year, trusting that at the expiration of that time, the way may be opened for her acceptance.

2. The testimonials of Miss Kate Louise Ogborne, presented by the Des Moines Branch, are most satisfactory, and meet all requirements. We recommend her acceptance and appointment.

3. The papers of Miss M. Estelle Files, presented by the New York Branch, have been examined, and found highly satisfactory. She has been graduated from the State Normal School at Brockport, N. Y., and seems well fitted for the work. We recommend that she be accepted and appointed.

4. The testimonials of Miss Emma Washburne, M. D., presented by the Minneapolis Branch, have been examined by your Committee, and in all points meet the conditions required for medical missionary candidates. She is a graduate of the Woman's Medical College of Chicago, and is now practising in the North-Western Hospital for Women and Children, in Minneapolis. We recommend her acceptance and appointment.

5. The testimonials of Miss Ella Johnson, presented by the Philadelphia Branch, as a candidate for trained nurse, have been carefully examined and found to be thoroughly satisfactory, both as to her beautiful Christian character, and her eminent fitness for such a position. We recommend her acceptance, and appointment to the Foochow Hospital, and that she be sent as soon as practicable.

6. In the case of Miss Florence M. Perrine, presented by the North-Western Branch, the Committee find her testimonials to great excellence of character and Christian activity, to scholarly attainments and proficiency in the languages, of such high order, that we unhesitatingly recommend her acceptance as a competent candidate for the missionary field. Her preference is for India or China.

7. The North-Western Branch presented a letter from Miss Gerelda Potter, written to Mrs. Cowen, of Cincinnati Branch, in which she expresses a desire to go as soon as possible to Rangoon, South India. As there were no testimonials presented, we refer her case to the Committee of Reference.

8. Finding the letters and testimonials of Miss Minda A. McLintock, presented by the Topeka Branch, highly satisfactory in every respect, we cheerfully recommend her acceptance for medical missionary work.

9. In the case of Miss Emma Garver, presented by the Cincinnati Branch, who is an applicant for acceptance as a missionary candidate, so far as her papers have been furnished the Committee they are satisfactory, but as she has not yet completed her education, we recommend her acceptance, and refer her case to the Committee of Reference.

10. The case of Miss Julia Bonafield was presented by the Cincinnati Branch and approved by a former Committee. Her approval is re-affirmed by this Committee, and we recommend her appointment to Foochow, China.

11. In the case of Miss Izilla Ernsberger, presented by the Cincinnati Branch, whose papers were incomplete last year, she having now furnished

those requisites, we cheerfully recommend her acceptance and appointment to medical work in India.

12. Miss Carrie Baker of Medford, Oregon, has offered herself as missionary candidate, through the Minneapolis Branch. As she has sent no testimonials and expects to spend some time in the study of medicine, we recommend that her case be referred to the Reference Committee.

13. WHEREAS, The Chicago Training School is proving a great blessing in giving to candidates for missionary work, Bible instruction, some knowledge of medicine, and an opportunity for some experience in city missionary work, therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily recommend the Chicago Training School, and hope for the establishment of similar schools at other points.

Resolved, That we suggest to all missionary candidates not fully prepared for their work, to avail themselves of such helps.

14. WHEREAS, The climate and needs of India are such that a strong physical constitution is requisite, and also maturity of judgment and experience, therefore,

Resolved, That no lady be appointed to this field under twenty-five years of age, unless unusual maturity and aptness for the work are manifestly evident.

Resolved further, That physicians who have made a special study of climatic influences, examine and furnish health certificates for missionary candidates.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. M. S. WHEELER, *Chairman*.

MRS. H. C. TUDOR, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

1. *Resolved*, That if the official correspondent for Kiu Kiang finds that a sale of our present property in Kiu Kiang to the Parent Board can be satisfactorily effected, we authorize the use of the proceeds of this sale in the erection of a new home and school, in a more suitable place.

2. *Resolved*, That the indemnity money received from the Chinese government for Chung King, be left in the hands of the Treasurer at Kiu Kiang, subject to the order of the Reference Committee.

3. WHEREAS, In view of the removal of the missionary and his wife from Wuhu, and that we have no lady ready to take charge of the school, therefore,

Resolved, That we do not make any appropriation for Wuhu, and that any scholars remaining under instruction be removed to Nanking.

4. *Resolved*, That, if possible, we make arrangements for the sale of the property in Wuhu.

5. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the North-Western Branch be instructed to correspond with the Misses Millard as to their willingness to go as teachers for the proposed Industrial School in Japan, and report to the Committee of Reference.

6. WHEREAS, The Minneapolis Branch assumes the opening of the Industrial Home at Tokyo, Japan, toward which it devotes the bequest of Mrs. W. M. Harrison, therefore,

Resolved, That the Industrial Home bear the name of the Harrison Memorial Industrial Home.

7. WHEREAS, Mrs. H. M. W. Hill and Mrs. L. D. Carhart have been obliged to relinquish the positions held in their respective Branches, and consequently in this Committee, therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply regret the necessity that led to their resignation, and that we extend to them our loving sympathy in their enforced retirement, praying that in their waiting and their working they may have a blessed sense of Divine guidance and grace.

8. WHEREAS, The schools formerly in charge of Miss Guelfi, in Montevideo, South America, have been very carefully and faithfully supervised since her death, by her brother, Rev. Antonio Guelfi, therefore,

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this General Executive Committee be extended to him for services so rendered.

9. *Resolved*, That we gratefully acknowledge the generous offer of Mrs. Hagans, to educate an Italian woman in Kindergarten methods, for work in Italy, and understanding that it is of her private beneficence, we do not feel at liberty to take any direction of the lady for the future.

10. *Resolved*, That the Minneapolis Branch be permitted to send Dr. Jeffreys to Singapore, provided her papers pass the Reference Committee.

MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE, *Chairman*.

MRS. E. T. COWEN, *Secretary*.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1887-8, BY BRANCHES.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

India.

<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Salary of Miss Tresham.....	288 00
Four ploughmen	96 00
<i>Naini Tal</i> , Salary of Miss Knowles.....	650 00
High school building.....	200 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Ten girls.....	120 00
City schools and Bible readers.....	257 00
Mrs. Matthews.....	216 00
Munshi.....	24 00
Conveyance.....	80 00
District work.....	299 00
Itinerating.....	30 00
<i>Najibabad</i> , Schools and Bible readers.....	230 00
<i>Mandaur</i> , Schools and Bible readers.....	134 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Boarding schools, sixty girls.....	700 00
Miss Daugherty.....	216 00
Matron.....	96 00
Repairs.....	80 00
Three medical students in Agra.....	144 00
Conveyance.....	90 00
Inspectress.....	38 00
Bible readers.....	168 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage.....	300 00
Dr. Christianity's salary.....	650 00
Medical work.....	692 00
<i>Roy Bareilly</i> , Bible readers....	148 00
Schools.....	151 00
Conveyance.....	80 00
Itinerating.....	20 00
<i>Agra</i> , Salary of Miss M. J. Seymour....	264 00
<i>Amroha District</i>	1,221 00

Total for North India..... \$7,682 00

South India.

<i>Madras</i> , Two new assistants ..	\$432 00
Pundit.....	50 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Two scholarships at \$84.....	168 00

Total for South India \$650 00

Total for India..... \$8,332 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Salary and incidentals of Miss Green.....	\$750 00
Personal teacher of Miss Green.....	120 00
Boarding school current expenses	600 00
Coolies.....	54 00
Matron	50 00
Chinese day school.....	75 00
Local conveyance.....	25 00
One lady to be sent.....	1,200 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , Salary and incidentals of Dr. Terry.....	750 00
Personal teacher of Dr. Terry	120 00
Traveling expenses.....	100 00

Completing walls and walks	250 00
Opening dispensary work...	350 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , dispensary assistant.	50 00
Matron	50 00
Watchman.....	50 00
Coolies.....	100 00

Total for North China..... \$4,694 00

Central China.

<i>Nanking</i> , Six scholarships transferred from Wuhu.....	\$150 00
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Foochow.

Two schools in Yeng Ping...	\$100 00
Salary of Miss Hartford.....	750 00
Personal teacher of Miss Hartford.....	72 00

Total for Central China.. \$1,072 00

Total for China..... \$5,766 00

Korea.

Half salary of Mrs. Seranton.	\$375 00
Half sal. of personal teacher	55 00
Traveling expenses	25 00
Five scholarships at \$50	250 00
Native teacher	72 00
Fuel for schoolrooms.....	150 00
Cook	40 00
Laundress.....	45 00
Current expenses.....	150 00
Painting.....	100 00
Hospital fuel.....	100 00

Total for Korea..... \$1,362 00

Japan.

<i>Tokyo</i> , Eight scholarships.....	\$320 00
Native teacher.....	125 00
New Building.....	500 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Salary and incidentals of Miss Rulofson..	750 00
Personal teacher of Miss Rulofson.....	100 00
Repairs on school building..	300 00
Furocho day school.....	400 00
Insurance and ground rent..	125 00
Japanese assistant.....	200 00
Bible women.....	280 00
Summer itinerating.....	100 00
Additional lot.....	300 00
School furniture and improvement on grounds....	50 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Six scholarships ...	240 00
Native teacher.....	170 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Six scholarships....	240 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , A lady to be sent.....	1,000 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Rent of school building	120 00
Furniture for school building	150 00

Total for Japan..... \$5,570 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Three scholarships	\$210 00
School supplies	200 00
Bible women and supplies..	160 00
New buildings.....	1,000 00

<i>Miraflores</i> , Salary of first assistant.....	300 00
Salary of sewing teacher....	100 00
School supplies.....	200 00
Portero	72 00
Repairs.....	100 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Salary and incidentals of Miss Field.....	750 00
Salary of assistants and school requisites.....	700 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , Water supply and portero.....	150 00
Total for Mexico.....	\$3,942 00

South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , Salary and incidentals of Miss Chapin.....	\$750 00
Assistants.....	300 00
Gratuitions education.....	45 00
Repairs and taxes.....	275 00
Deficit on building	300 00
Lady to be sent.....	1,300 00
<i>Monterideo</i> , Schools.....	400 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Schools.....	300 00
Total for South America.	\$4,075 00

Bulgaria.

Three scholarships.....	\$120 00
Matron.....	60 00
School furniture	100 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$280 00

Italy.

<i>Venice</i> , Bible woman.....	\$240 00
Books and traets.....	60 00
Total for Italy.....	\$300 00
Grand total.....	\$29,627 00

NEW YORK BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Miss Budden's salary.....	\$650 00
Ella Hayes' salary.....	48 00
School for girls.....	155 00
Teachers	100 00
Village work.....	168 00
Medicines.....	24 00
Conveyance.....	48 00
Munshi.....	24 00
Repairs.....	80 00
Building home.....	1,300 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Girls' school.....	50 00
Village work.....	80 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Salary Miss English..	650 00
Expenses of Orphanage.....	1,400 00
Second assistant.....	288 00
Salary Miss Downey.....	650 00
Bible readers.....	288 00
Zenana conveyance.....	160 00
City girls' school.....	320 00
Agra medical students.....	240 00
<i>Bareilly District</i> , Fatehganj school and Bible reader....	129 00
Aonia.....	144 00
Philibeet.....	130 00
Faredpore.....	56 00
Basilpore.....	40 00

Baheri.....	24 00
Khera Bajera.....	72 00
Data Ganj.....	24 00
Budaon Bible readers.....	190 00
Kakraula school and Bible reader.....	48 00
Bisouli.....	48 00
Bilsi.....	90 00
Agra school and Bible reader	225 00
Agra medical students.....	240 00
Agra home conditional)....	3,000 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible readers.....	180 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
Teacher college class.....	240 00
Painting roof of sanitarium.	60 00
Scholarships.....	50 00
Ellenpore school Bible reader.....	86 00
Baraich school and Bible reader.....	274 00
Unao.....	288 00
Hurdni.....	234 00
Gondah.....	200 00
Cawnpore high school.....	500 00
Allahabad school and Bible reader.....	128 00
Conveyance.....	40 00

Total for North India ... \$13,563 00

South India.

<i>Bombay</i> , Salary of Miss Wright	\$264 00
Pundit.....	25 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
<i>Madras</i> , Salary Miss Hughes..	650 00
Pundit.....	50 00
Conveyance.....	150 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Miss Files' outfit and passage	600 00
Woman's work.....	100 00
Six scholarships.....	338 00
Distriet Ajmere.....	1000 00

Total for South India.... \$3,277 00

Total for India \$16,840 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Salary of Mrs. Jewell..	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	120 00
Boarding school expenses..	150 00
Coolies.....	54 00
Bible women.....	100 00
Cemetery purchase of lot....	140 00
Lady to be sent.....	1,200 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Day school.....	50 00
Bible woman.....	50 00
<i>Hun Hua</i> , Lady to be sent.....	1,200 00
Bible woman.....	50 00
Dispensary.....	350 00
	\$4,214 00

Central China.

<i>Kiu Kiang</i> , Purchase of lot....	170 00
support of orphans from Chung King.....	100 00
<i>Nanking</i> , Salary Miss Carlton, M. D.....	600 00

Incidentals.....	150 00
Medical books	30 00
Well and eistern.....	200 00
Gateman, 49, and Personal teacher, 75.....	124 00
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	\$1,374 00

<i>Chin Kiang</i> , Salary Miss Hoag, M. D.....	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Repairs and taxes.....	65 00
Orphans.....	125 00
School expenses.....	350 00
Furniture.....	75 00
Incidentals.....	25 00
Hospital and dispensary	250 00
For rebuilding wall.....	300 00
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	\$1,940 00

Total for China..... \$7,528 00

Japan.

<i>Tokyo</i> , Native teachers.....	125 00
Scholarships.....	260 00
Tamauchi day school.....	200 00
Fukagawa	200 00
One Bible woman.....	60 00
Home salary of Miss Atkin- son.....	350 00
Miss Atkinson's return.....	300 00
Building.....	2,000 00
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	\$3,495 00

<i>Nagoya</i> , Lady to be sent.....	1,000 00
Teacher.....	100 00
Rent of building.....	120 00
Incidentals for schools	250 00
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	\$1,470 00

<i>Hakodati</i> , Salary Miss Kanback	600 00
Expenses to conference.....	40 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships.....	520 00
Private teacher.....	100 00
Insurance	150 00
Land rent.....	108 00
<i>Hirosaki</i> , School.....	200 00
Miss Hampton's return.....	300 00
Miss Hampton's salary.....	350 00
Teacher.....	100 00
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	\$2,618 00

<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships	640 00
Insurance	159 00
Kagoshima School and Bible	100 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , O Lai San.....	30 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
Coolie.....	36 00
Incidentals.....	100 00
Expenses to conference.....	50 00
Home salary Miss Gheer....	350 00
Salary Miss Smith.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	60 00
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	\$2,515 00

Total for Japan \$10,098 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarships.....	720 00
Music teacher	120 00
Building.....	2,233 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , Salary Miss LeHuray	600 00

Incidentals.....	150 00
Expenses to conference.....	15 00
House rent.....	150 00
Bible woman's supplies.....	100 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Salary Miss Hastings	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Bible woman's supplies	100 00
Water tax.....	12 00
School requisites.....	200 00
Expenses to conference	25 00
<i>Orizaba</i> , Bible woman and sup- plies.....	100 00
<i>Queretaro</i> , Salary of Mexican teacher.....	300 00
Rent.....	200 00
School supplies.....	50 00
Postage and porters.....	28 00
Bible woman and supplies..	100 00
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Total for Mexico \$5,953 00

South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , School.....	225 00
School building	300 00
<i>Monterideo</i> , School.....	700 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Salary and out- fit of lady.....	1,150 00
Furniture for home	550 00
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Total for South America. \$2,925 00

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Scholarships.....	\$150 00
Kenison.....	50 00
Salary Mrs. M. F. Scranton..	375 00
Personal teacher	55 00
Traveling expenses.....	25 00
Repairing house and stables.	200 00
Fuel.....	150 00
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Total for Korea..... \$1,005 00

Bulgaria.

Loftcha scholarships.....	200 00
Rutstchuk school.....	120 00
Clara Kailer.....	360 00
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Total for Bulgaria..... \$680 00

Italy.

<i>Milan</i> , Mrs. Stazi	240 00
<i>Naples</i> , Mrs. Conti.....	120 00
<i>Pisa</i> , Mrs. Biondi.....	180 00
Mothers' meeting and sew- ing school.....	150 00
Contingent....	200 00
Traveling expenses.....	200 00
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Total for Italy..... \$1,090 00

Contingent..... 4,000 00

Grand total..... \$48,817 00

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

India.

<i>Pauri</i> , Village schools.....	\$211 00
Miss Thornton's salary.....	240 00
Orphanage.....	170 00
Repairs.....	80 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Boarding school scholarships.....	120 00

Salary of Mrs. Worthington.	288 00
Pithoragarh Ladies' Home building	200 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Boarding school scholarships	96 00
Munshi	24 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Salary Miss Lauck	650 00
Salary Dr. McDowell	650 00
Medicines and rent	206 00
Servants' houses and repairs for ladies' home	360 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage	400 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Salary Miss Kyle	650 00
City schools	320 00
Salary of Miss Hunt	360 00
Bible reader	50 00
Inspectress	72 00
Conveyance	80 00
Itinerating	30 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Assistant	216 00
<i>Balrampur</i> , Bible reader and schools	147 00
<i>Ajudhya</i> , Bible reader and schools	100 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Bible readers	120 00
Conveyances	200 00
City schools	320 00
<i>Bithoor</i> , Medical work	33 00

Total..... \$6,403,00

South India.

<i>Bombay</i> , Assistant and pundit.	\$265 00
<i>Singapore</i> , Assistant	200 00
<i>Baroda</i> , Woman's work	400 00

Total for South India..... \$865 00

Total for India..... \$7,268 00

China.

<i>Foochow</i> , Trained nurse to be sent	\$1,000 00
Hospital expenses	200 00
<i>Chin Kiang</i> , Foundling	25 00
<i>Kiu Kiang</i> , Scholarships	125 00
Furniture	50 00
Scholars to be transferred from Wuhu to Nanking	60 00

Total for China..... \$1,460 00

Japan.

<i>Sendai</i> Bible woman	\$60 00
Tracts and papers	20 00
Traveling expenses	75 00
<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships	440 00
Salary of Miss Spencer	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Personal teacher	100 00
Asakusa day school	120 00
Insurance	240 00
Traveling expenses	250 00
Rent of No. 14 for 6 months	270 00
Bible women	60 00
New Building	1,000 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Salary of Miss Hewett	600 00
Incidentals and personal teacher	250 00
Fuel and lights	250 00
Scholarships	360 00
Mrs. Green's Bible woman	60 00
Travel and incidentals	90 00
Travel to conference	40 00

<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships	200 00
Fukuoka, Bible woman, O Massa Sam	24 00
Fukuoka, Sewing teacher	36 00

Total for Japan..... \$5,295 00

Korea.

Scholarships	\$150 00
Janitor	45 00
Hospital attendants	150 00

Total for Korea..... \$345 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Salary Miss Loyd	\$600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Scholarships	420 00
Matron	300 00
New Building	2,000 00
Treasurer's expenses	30 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , Second assistant	250 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Bible woman and supplies	100 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , Rent	250 00
Music teacher	100 00
Furniture and school supplies	150 00
<i>San Vincente</i> , Teacher	250 00
Rent	60 00
Bible woman and supplies	75 00
School supplies	100 00

Total for Mexico..... \$4,835 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , First assistants	\$260 00
Scholarships	80 00
<i>Sistov</i> , Primary school	130 00
<i>Orchania</i>	60 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$530 00

Italy.

<i>Milan</i> Bible woman	\$144 00
<i>Socarro</i> , Miss Campione, teacher and school	194 00

Total for Italy..... \$338 00

† *South America.*

<i>Montevideo</i> , School work	\$200 00
Conditional	439 00

Grand total..... \$20,700 00

BALTIMORE BRANCH

India.

<i>Naini Tal</i> , Miss Leigh's salary	\$288 00
<i>Bhabar</i> , Assistant	48 00
Bible readers	52 00
Conveyance	86 00
Rent of school	12 00
<i>Dwarahat</i> , Boarding school	132 00
Miss Boyd	216 00
Munshi	24 00
Bible readers	67 00
<i>Pauri</i> , Mrs. Whitby	288 00
Bible readers	28 00
Itinerating	59 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , School	180 00
Miss M. Seymour	264 00

Conveyance.....	80 00
Medical work.....	153 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage.....	144 00
Assistant.....	240 00
Bible woman.....	60 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Schools.....	72 00
To open work.....	100 00
Nawab Ganj.....	65 00
Miss Gallimore's salary....	650 00
Cawnpore school.....	500 00
Bible woman.....	60 00

South India.

<i>Madras</i> , Grace Stephens.....	264 00
Conveyance.....	74 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Miss Layton's home salary.....	262 00

Total for N. and S. India, \$4,468 00

China.

<i>Foochow</i> , City hospitals.....	\$400 00
Deaconess.....	36 00
Watchman.....	42 00
Four medical students.....	150 00
Boarding School.....	200 00
<i>Ku Cheng</i> , Schools.....	450 00
Medical lady to be sent.....	1,000 00
Return passage and salary Miss Fisher.....	700 00
<i>Kiu Kiang</i> , Orphans from West China.....	\$50 00

Total..... \$3,028 00

Korea.

Papers.....	\$150 00
Patients in hospital.....	150 00

Total..... \$300 00

Japan.

<i>Tokyo</i> , scholars.....	\$240 00
<i>Kanda</i> , Schools.....	300 00
School building.....	250 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Everding's salary.....	750 00
Personal teacher	60 00
Scholars.....	200 00
Osaki San Bible woman....	50 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Bible woman train- ing school.....	80 00
<i>Sendaï</i> , one new lady.....	1,000 00

Total for Japan..... \$2,930 00

Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Bible women.....	\$192 00
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Total for Italy... \$192 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico</i> , Building.....	\$500 00
Orphans.....	150 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Assistant.....	200 00

Total for Mexico ... 850 00

Contingent..... 500 00

Grand Total..... \$12,268 00

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Pithoragarh</i> , New building....	\$300 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships and munshi.....	132 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage.....	275 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Scholarships.....	120 00
<i>Shahjahanpore</i> , Assistant.....	240 00
Munshi, itinerating.....	64 00
Bible women.....	216 00
City schools.....	320 00
Conveyances.....	160 00
Tilhur, Pavayen.....	180 00
<i>Jalalabad</i>	90 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible readers.....	180 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
College class.....	240 00
Repairs.....	160 00
Scholarships.....	94 00
Miss De Vine.....	650 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Miss Reed.....	650 00
Miss Miller.....	650 00
Dormitories.....	500 00
Repairs.....	120 00
<i>Seetapore</i> , Bible readers.....	400 00
Schools.....	307 00
Assistant.....	240 00
Conveyance	172 00
Munshis, Boarding school ..	372 00
Miss Boyd.....	168 00
Teacher, pundit.....	153 00
Itinerating, medicines, ma- tron.....	60 00
<i>Barabanki</i> , Schools and Bible readers.....	304 00
Miss Thoburn's return pas- sage.....	350 00
Miss Mansell's return pas- sage.....	350 00
Miss Mansell's home salary	350 00

Total for North India \$8,667 00

South India.

<i>Poona</i> , Schools and Bible women.....	\$500 00
<i>Hyderabad</i> , Sending mission- ary.....	1,200 00

Total for South India ... \$1,700 00

Bengal Conference.

<i>Burmah</i> , Schools and Bible women.....	\$200 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Bible women.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	250 00
Conditional.....	1,000 00

\$1,550 00

Total for India \$11,917 00

China.

<i>Peking</i> , Miss Sears.....	\$600 00
Teachers and incidentals....	230 00
Repairs and postage.....	100 00
Scholarships, watchman....	204 00
Miss Sears' return.....	500 00
Missionary to be sent.....	1,000 00

\$2,634 00

<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Jewell....	600 00
Teacher and incidentals....	222 00

Scholarships, medical students.....	275 00	Tax on property and water.....	150 00
Repairs, insurance, gate-keeper.....	118 00	<i>Apizaca</i> , School.....	300 00
Women's school, traveling expenses.....	310 00	Supplies, rent.....	190 00
Model for hospital.....	200 00	Portero, freight, traveling expenses.....	110 00
<i>Hing Itwa</i> , Women's school..	450 00	<i>Orizaba</i> , Teacher.....	350 00
Day schools, deaconess....	125 00	Rent.....	250 00
Sending missionary.....	1,000 00	School, portero.....	100 00
	<u>\$3,300 00</u>	Total for Mexico.....	<u>\$5,740 00</u>
Total for China.....	\$5,934 00	Grand total.....	<u>\$33,426 00</u>
<i>Japan.</i>		NORTH-WESTERN BRANCH.	
<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships.....	\$200 00	<i>North India.</i>	
Repairs.....	150 00	<i>Naini Tal</i> , Assistant for Miss Knowles.....	\$288 00
Teacher for Miss Holbrook..	100 00	School building.....	400 00
New building.....	1,000 00	<i>Dwara Hath</i> , Matron.....	24 00
Sending missionary.....	1,000 00	Teacher and pundit.....	62 00
	<u>\$2,450 00</u>	Scholarships.....	132 00
<i>Sendai</i> , Rent.....	240 00	Repairs.....	20 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Scholarships, repairs	350 00	<i>Bhabar</i> , Building schoolhouse.	400 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Russell.....	600 00	<i>Paori</i> , Six girls.....	102 00
Miss Elliott.....	600 00	<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Farm manager...	24 00
Teachers and incidentals....	420 00	Boarding school and scholarships.....	120 00
Scholarships.....	600 00	<i>Bijnour</i> , Twenty-five girls....	300 00
Ground rent.....	275 00	Repairs and buildings.....	120 00
Painting house.....	500 00	Matron.....	60 00
Missionary to be sent.....	950 00	<i>Moradabad</i> , Eighteen girls....	210 00
	<u>3,945 00</u>	Itinerating.....	40 00
Total for Japan.....	<u>\$6,995 00</u>	<i>Chantlausi</i> , Bible woman and schools.....	180 00
<i>Korea</i>		<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage, seventeen girls.....	204 00
Miss Rothweiler.....	\$600 00	<i>Panahpore</i>	80 00
Teacher and incidentals....	230 00	<i>Budalon</i> , Five scholars.....	60 00
Girls in school.....	150 00	Assistants.....	240 00
Current expense.....	150 00	Munshi.....	24 00
Repairs, janitor.....	245 00	Conveyance.....	140 00
Freights and duties.....	125 00	Itinerating.....	40 00
	<u>\$1,500 00</u>	Munshi.....	24 00
Total for Korea.....		Medicines.....	40 00
<i>Italy.</i>		Repairs.....	40 00
<i>Turin</i> , Mrs. Cruciam, Bible reader.....	\$120 00	<i>Lucknow</i> , second assistant....	240 00
Mrs. Monti, Bible reader....	120 00	Third assistant.....	216 00
Mothers' meetings.....	150 00	High school assistant..	288 00
Contingent.....	100 00	Munshi.....	72 00
	<u>\$490 00</u>	<i>Gonda</i> , Itinerating.....	40 00
Total for Italy.....		Opening new work.....	100 00
<i>South America.</i>		<i>Cawcupore</i> , First assistant....	264 00
<i>Rosario</i> , Gratuitous education.	\$150 00	Second Assistant.....	240 00
Building.....	150 00	Munshi.....	72 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , School work.....	550 00	Land tax.....	60 00
	<u>\$850 00</u>	Lady to be sent to N. India..	600 00
Total for South America		Total.....	<u>\$5,566 00</u>
<i>Mexico.</i>		<i>South India.</i>	
<i>Mexico City</i> , Miss Ayres.....	\$600 00	<i>Bombay</i> , Miss DeLine's salary..	\$650 00
Incidentals.....	150 00	Miss Sunder Bai Power.....	264 00
Scholarships, teacher.....	510 00	Miss DeLine's pundit.....	50 00
Portero, repairs.....	375 00	Miss Furness' salary.....	216 00
Building.....	1,000 00	Miss Furness' pundit.....	50 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Miss Warner.....	600 00	House rent.....	650 00
Incidentals.....	150 00	Conveyance.....	100 00
Scholarships, expenses to conference.....	155 00	Native teachers.....	125 00
Miss Orcillez.....	450 00	City schools.....	150 00
Music teacher, portero.....	300 00	House rent.....	150 05
		New home.....	5,000 00
		<i>Rangoon</i> , Lady to be sent.....	600 00

<i>Calcutta</i> , Bengali school.....	200 00
Seven scholarships.....	588 00

Total.....	\$8,793 00
Total for India.....	14,359 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Boarding school.....	\$100 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Dr. Gloss' salary.....	600 00
Dr. Gloss' incidentals.....	150 00
Dr. Gloss' teacher.....	50 00
Two gatekeepers.....	100 00
Hospital current expenses..	400 00
Conveyance.....	25 00
Repairs and postage.....	100 00

Total.....	\$1,525 00
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Foochow.

Dr. Kate Corey's salary.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	72 00
Traveling expenses.....	120 00
Hospital expenses.....	400 00
Hospital watchman.....	42 00
Hospital repairs.....	150 00
Hospital insurance.....	12 00
Papier mache model.....	200 00
Boarding school.....	300 00
School watchman.....	42 00
Foochow district schools....	400 00
Ing Chung woman's school..	250 00

Total.....	\$2,738 00
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Central China.

<i>Kiu Kiang</i> , Miss Howe's salary.....	\$600 00
Miss Howe's incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Wheeler's salary.....	600 00
Miss Wheeler's incidentals..	150 00
Miss Wheeler's teacher.....	85 00
<i>Chung King</i> , Orphans to be sent.....	50 00
Repairs on two houses.....	75 00
Rent and watchman for bungalow.....	74 00
Gateman.....	37 00

Total.....	\$1,821 00
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<i>Nanking</i> , Miss Ella Shaw's salary.....	\$600 00
Miss Ella Shaw's incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Ella Shaw's teacher....	75 00
School expenses.....	150 00
Furniture.....	150 00

Total.....	\$1,125 00
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<i>Chin Kiang</i> , Miss M. C. Robinson's salary.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	75 00
Watchman.....	49 00
Lady to be sent.....	1,000 00
Finishing home and school..	300 00
Wuhu work to be transferred to Nanking.....	300 00

Total.....	\$2,474 00
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Total for China.....	\$9,683 00
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Korea.

Dr. Metta Howard's salary..	\$600 00
Dr. Metta Howard's incidentals.....	150 00
Dr. Metta Howard's teacher..	80 00
Dr. Metta Howard's traveling expenses.....	150 00
Medicines and instruments..	250 00
Freight and duties.....	125 00
Repairs on house and stable..	200 00

Total.....	\$1,555 00
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Japan.

<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships.....	\$680 00
Native teachers.....	400 00
Ground rent.....	275 00
Tracts and papers.....	50 00
Building in Aoyama.....	1,750 00

Total.....	\$3,155 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Native teacher.....	200 00
Scholarships.....	280 00

Total.....	\$480 00
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<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	\$200 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , House rent.....	108 00
Scholarships.....	160 00

Total.....	\$468 00
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<i>Yokohama</i> , Mrs. Van Petten's salary.....	\$600 00
Mrs. Van Petten's incidentals.....	150 00
Mrs. Van Petten's teacher...	100 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Scholarships of Bible women.....	160 00
<i>Tobe</i> , Woman's school.....	100 00
<i>Kanagawa</i> , School.....	300 00
Books, tracts, and papers...	75 00
Traveling expenses.....	150 00
Additional lot.....	300 00
School furniture.....	50 00

Total.....	\$2,085 00
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Total for Japan.....	\$6,188 00
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South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , Miss L. B. Denning's salary.....	\$600 00
Miss L. B. Denning's incidentals.....	150 00
Assistants.....	350 00
Gratuitous education.....	225 00
Furniture.....	300 00
Deficit on building.....	100 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Lady to be sent, salary and incidentals....	750 00
Outfit and traveling expenses.....	500 00
School work.....	1,500 00

Total.....	\$4,475 00
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Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarship.....	\$420 00
Primary teacher.....	250 00
Water and street tax.....	150 00
Physicians and medicine....	135 00

Beds and bedding	80 00
Indebtedness on property...	1,000 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Primary and music teacher	420 00
School supplies	150 00
Portero	130 00
Repairs and care of garden...	135 00
School requisites	200 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Assistants in schools..	280 00
<i>Tetela</i> , Miss L. R. Hewett's salary	600 00
Miss L. R. Hewett's incidentals	150 00
Miss L. R. Hewett's expenses to conference.....	35 00
House rent	160 00
School supplies.....	75 00
Portero	80 00
Assistant teacher	250 00
Travel	75 00
Baby organ	75 00
Repairs	50 00

Total..... \$4,900 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , Miss Schenck's salary ..	\$600 00
Miss Schenck's incidentals..	150 00
Miss Ella C. Fincham's salary	600 00
Miss Ella C. Fincham's incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships	240 00
Incidentals and repairs.....	150 00
Postage	5 00

Total..... \$1,895 00

Italy.

Miss Emma Hall's salary and incidentals.....	\$750 00
Miss Emma Hall's teacher ..	50 00
<i>Bologna</i> , Mrs. Polsinelli.....	120 00
<i>Florence</i> , Mrs. Fabroni	120 00
<i>Tarenta</i> , Mrs. Gray	240 00
House rent	228 00
Tracts	50 00
Contingent fund	200 00

Total..... \$1,758 00

Contingent..... \$1,187 00

Grand total..... \$46,000 00

DES MOINES BRANCH.

India.

<i>Pauri</i> , Orphans, six at \$17	\$102 00
Medical work	40 00
<i>Pithora</i> , School matron.....	24 00
Home building.....	100 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , School	60 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphans, eight, at \$25.	200 00
Mrs. Lawson's salary	650 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Orphans, 12, at \$16.67..	200 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Third ass't teacher	
High School.....	216 00
Roof, cook house, etc.....	120 00
Matron	216 00
Mela work	260 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Bible readers.....	81 00
Conveyance	80 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Third ass't teacher,	
zenana.....	216 00
<i>Madras</i> , Second assis't teacher.	240 00
Pundit	50 00

Total..... \$2,655 00

China.

<i>Peking</i> , Fifteen scholarships..	\$350 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Training school.....	200 00
Traveling expenses	100 00
<i>Foochow</i> Hospital	200 00
<i>Hok Chiang</i> , Day school.....	250 00
<i>Chin Kiang</i> , New hospital.....	400 00

Total..... \$1,500 00

Japan.

<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarships, six	\$200 00
Native teacher	125 00
Miss Vance's salary	600 00
Miss Vance's teacher	100 00
Incidentals	150 00
New building.....	500 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Native teacher	150 00
Scholarships, six, at \$40	240 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships, three at \$40	120 00
<i>Sendai</i> , Mrs. Cleveland's work.	
English speaking Bible women	100 00
Traveling expenses.....	20 00
Tracts and papers	10 00
Furniture (conditional)	200 00

Total..... \$2,515 00

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Hospital patients	\$150 00
Hospital additions	200 00

Total..... \$350 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , Second ass't teacher..	\$150 00
Five scholars at \$4.00.....	20 00
House rent.....	70 00

Total..... \$240 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Two scholarships at \$70.....	\$140 00
Lights	140 00
New building.....	1,000 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , Mexican assistant.	360 00
Bible woman	100 00
Rent	200 00

Total..... \$1,940 00

Italy.

<i>Forli</i> , Bible woman, Mrs. Palmeri	\$120 00
Tracts and cards	50 00

Total..... \$170 00

South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , Assistant teacher....	\$300 00
Gratuitous education.....	150 00
Debt on building	150 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Rent	500 00
School	150 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Schools	250 00
School work	500 00
Return Mrs. Turney (conditional)	50 00

Total..... \$2,000 00

Lady to be sent to China...	1,200 00
	12,750 00
Contingent	\$430 00
Total.....	\$13,050 00

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

North India.

Paori, Girl's Orphanage	\$255 00
Pithoragarh, Girls and women.	200 00
Three teachers	28 00
Home matron	24 00
Bareilly, Miss D'Abreu	288 00
Girl's Orphanage	85 00
Muhamdi, School and Bible readers	90 00
Budaon, Scholarships	260 00
Mrs. Butterfield	172 00
Agnes, Bible reader	50 00
Girl's school	200 00
Lucknow Mrs. Ward, assistant.	264 00
Colonel Gunge, School and Bible reader	112 00
Total.....	\$2,028 00

South India.

Bombay, Miss Abram's salary.	\$650 00
Pundit	50 00
Two new assistants	432 00
Pundit	100 00
Teacher, second year, Miss Belehau	240 00
Conveyance	100 00
Oxen and wagon	125 00
City schools	150 00
Total.....	\$1,847 00
Mussorie District, Roorkee girls' school, Bible readers.	232 00
Hyderabad, assistant	240 00

Total for South India... \$2,319 00

Total for India \$4,347 00

China.

Foochow, Girl's boarding school	\$200 00
Nanking, Girls from Wuhu....	75 00
Total.....	\$275 00

Japan.

Tokyo, Scholarship, L. Norton.	\$40 00
Bible woman for Mrs. Maclay	60 00
Native teacher	125 00
Yokohama, Three scholarships in Training school	120 00
Hakodati, Five scholarships....	200 00
Nagasaki, Bible reader Nora San Senda, Mrs. Suarty's work ...	24 00
English speaking Bible woman	100 00
Tracts and papers	10 00
Traveling expenses ..	55 00
Total for Japan	\$744 00

South America.

Rosario, Two assistants :-.....	
Pauline and Juana	250 00
Number 3 assistant	100 00
Two scholarships	150 00

Total..... \$500 00

Mexico.

Mexico City, One scholarship..	\$70 00
Puebla, Salary of Miss Ogden..	750 00
Furniture	100 00
Expenses to Conference	25 00
Four scholarships	130 00

Total..... \$1,075 00

Bulgaria.

Loftcha, Four scholarships.....	\$160 00
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Singapore.

Miss Blackmore's salary....	650 00
Pundit	100 00
Two assistants	350 00
Gharry contingent	150 00

\$1,250 00

Less local helps:

By school fees	150 00
Collection	60 00

\$210 00

Total..... \$1,040 00

Harrison Memorial Industrial Home	
Tokyo, Japan	3,700 00
Singapore contingent	1,500 00

Grand total \$13,041 00

TOPEKA BRANCH.

India.

Kaladungi Bible reader	\$24 00
Dwarahath, Boarding school, scholarships	72 00
Paurl, Orphanage girls' support	68 00
Pithoragarh, Scholars	125 00
Building	100 00
Bijnour, Boarding school	96 00
Moradabad, Teacher	144 00
Bareilly, Orphanage	250 00
Christian woman's school..	48 00
Itinerating	20 00
Munshi	24 00
Kant, School and Bible reader	51 00
Budaon, Boarding school	200 0
Kas Ganj, Schools and Bible-reader	48 00
Lucknow, Miss Blackmar's salary	650 00
Miss Fuller's salary	650 00
Bible reader	50 00
Cawnpore, Fourth assistant....	216 00

Total for India \$2,836 00

China.

Peking, Boarding school, five scholars	\$150 00
Tartar City, day school	75 00

<i>Tsun Hua</i> , Completing walls and walks.....	250 00
Total for China.....	\$475 00

Central China.

<i>Kin Kiang</i> , Pupils to be brought from Chung King	175 00
Teacher	37 00
Matron.....	37 00
Cook.....	37 00
<i>Chin Kiang</i> , Orphan from Chung King	25 00
Building hospital.....	400 00

Total for Central China.. 711 00

<i>Foochow</i> , Hospital deaconess..	36 00
Deaconess	24 00

Boarding school, scholar- ships..... 100 00

Hok Chiang District, four schools 200 00

Total for Foochow 360 00

Total for China \$1,546 00

Japan.

<i>Tokio</i> , Salary of Miss Watson	600 00
Incidentals, Miss Watson...	150 00
Personal teacher, Miss Watson.....	100 00
Two scholarships.....	80 00
Native teacher.....	100 00
Tsukiji day school.....	200 00
New building	250 00
<i>Hakodati</i> , Five scholarships ..	200 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Two scholarships..	80 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Two scholarships ..	80 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Two native teachers	216 00
Matron	36 00

Total for Japan \$2,092 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Loficha</i> , Two scholars at \$40 ..	80 00
Five scholars, at \$10.....	50 00
Bible work	200 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$330 00

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Three scholarships	\$150 00
Matron.....	50 00
Blankets, mats, and other supplies	100 00

Total for Korea \$300 00

Italy.

<i>Foggia</i> , Bible woman	\$120 00
<i>Venosa</i> , Bible women	60 00

Total for Italy..... \$180 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Two scholars	\$140 00
Property	500 00
<i>Ayapango</i> , Teacher.....	250 00
Rent	50 00
School supplies	50 00
Bible woman, supplies.....	100 00
<i>Puebla</i> , School furniture and supplies	200 00
Four scholarships.....	260 00

Total for Mexico..... \$1,550 00

South America.

<i>Rosario</i> , Salary of assistants ..	\$200 00
Gratuitous education.....	75 00
Return of Mrs. Turney.....	50 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Schools	250 00

Total for South America 575 00

Contingent..... 591 00

Grand total..... \$10,000 00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS, 1887-88.

BRANCH.	India.	China.	Japan.	Korea.	Mexico.	South America.	Italy.	Bulgaria	Singapore.	Continent.	Total.
New England..	\$8,332	\$5,786	\$5,570	\$1,362	\$3,942	\$4,075	\$300	\$280	.....	.....	\$29,627
New York.....	16,840	7,528	10,098	\$1,005	5,933	2,925	1,090	680	.....	\$4,000	50,119
Philadelphia...	7,268	1,460	5,295	345	4,835	200	338	530	.....	429	20,700
Baltimore.....	4,468	3,028	2,930	300	850	.....	192	.....	.....	500	12,268
Cincinnati.....	11,917	5,934	6,995	1,500	5,740	850	490	.....	.....	.....	33,426
North-Western	14,359	9,683	6,188	1,555	4,900	4,475	1,758	1,895	.....	1,187	46,000
Des Moines....	2,655	2,700	2,515	350	1,940	2,050	170	240	.....	430	13,050
Minneapolis...	4,347	275	*4,144	.....	1,075	500	.....	160	\$1,040	1,500	13,041
Topeka.....	2,836	1,546	2,092	300	1,550	575	180	330	.....	591	10,000
	\$73,022	\$37,920	\$45,827	\$6,717	\$30,785	\$15,650	\$4,518	\$4,115	\$1,040	\$8,637	\$228,231

*This includes the bequest (\$3,700) of Mrs. W. M. Harrison for Memorial Industrial Home in Yokohama.

LIST OF REAL ESTATE
BELONGING TO THE
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

INDIA.

BUDAON—School building,	\$ 3,000
BAREILLY—Home (43 acres),	12,500
Hospital,	9,000
Orphanage,	3,000
MORADABAD—School building,	2,000
Home,	3,500
LUCKNOW—School building,	4,000
Home,	7,360
Boarding halls,	2,300
Home for Friendless,	4,500
CAWNPORE—School building,	8,000
Home,	4,500
PAORI—Orphanage,	1,500
GONDA—School building,	300
PITHORAGARH—Adeline Newman's Home (for Friendless Women),	1,500
BLJNOUR,	3,000
ALMORAH—Sanitarium,	4,000
NAINI TAL—Boarding school,	13,000

CHINA.

PEKING—Home and school,	12,000
KIU KIANG—School building and home (dispensary \$600)	7,000
CHIN KIANG,	5,000
FOOCHOW—School building,	4,000
Hospital,	6,000
TIENTSIN—Hospital and home,	12,000
WUHU—School,	1,850
NANKING—School,	4,000

JAPAN.

TOKYO—School building,	10,000
HAKODATI—Home and school,	10,000
NAGASAKI,	10,000
YOKOHAMA,	3,500
FUKUOKA,	9,000
KOREA—Home and school,	9,000

MEXICO.

PACHUCA—Home,	5,500
PUEBLA—Home and school,	16,500
MEXICO CITY—Orphanage,	19,000

SOUTH AMERICA.

ROSARIO,	10,000
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BULGARIA.

LOFTCHA—School,	4,500
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Total,	\$239,810
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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female Missionaries to women in the foreign Mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

ARTICLE IV.—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Co-ordinate Branches, Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

ARTICLE V.—GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each Branch, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch Annual Meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said committee shall meet at Boston, the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually or oftener thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

SEC. 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be:

1. To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, as presented in the reports of Branch Corresponding Secretaries, and in the estimates of the needs of Mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society; to appropriate its money in accordance with the purposes and methods herein indicated; to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; fixing the amounts to be raised; employing new Missionaries, designating their fields of labor, examining the reports of those already employed, and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each.

2. To appoint a committee, consisting of one from each Branch, to have charge of the Missionary paper of this Society, and to arrange for the publication of an Annual Report of the work of the Society.

3 To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

SECTION 1. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cincinnati, shall be regarded as Co-ordinate Branches of this Society, on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SEC. 2 Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the church :

DISTRICTS.	STATES.	HEADQUARTERS.
I.	New England States	Boston.
II.	New York and New Jersey	New York.
III.	Pennsylvania and Delaware	Philadelphia.
IV.	Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia	Baltimore.
V.	Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee	Cincinnati.
VI.	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin	Chicago.
VII.	Iowa and Missouri	Des Moines.
VIII.	Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington Territory and Oregon	Minneapolis.
IX.	Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming	Topeka.
X.	Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas	New Orleans.
XI.	North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida	Atlanta.
XII.	Pacific Coast	San Francisco.

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SEC. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and not less than ten Managers. These with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 4. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, and with its Auxiliary Societies (hereinafter mentioned), and shall endeavor, by all practical means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in its annual report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the committee being duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, and may order the disbursements of the funds required for that work, provide for all the wants, and receive all the reports of the Missionaries, Bible Women, and Teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 6. No Branch shall project new work or undertake the support of new Missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Each Branch may make its own By-Laws regulating its meetings and those of the Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute not less than ten dollars annually may form a Society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, three or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.—RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SEC. 1. This Society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of Missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to Mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to [the General Missionary Committee [of] the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. All Missionaries sent by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conferences or Missions of the Church in which they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the President of the Conference or Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other Missionaries.

SEC. 3. All the work of the Woman's Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conferences or Missions, and their committees, in exactly the same manner as the work of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder having the same relation to the work and the person in charge that he would have were it in the charge of any member of the Conference or Mission.

SEC. 4. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our church services, nor in any promiscuous public meetings, nor in any Sunday schools, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the amount so collected shall be reported by the preacher in charge to the annual Conference, and be entered in the column among the benevolent collections in the annual General Minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 4 of this article shall not be so interpreted as to prevent the ladies from taking collections in ladies' meetings convened in the interest of their Societies, nor from securing memberships, life memberships, etc., in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals or arranging lectures in the interests of their work.

ARTICLE IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

I. The General Executive Committee shall convene not later than the last week in October.

II. The annual meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be held in such places as the said committee shall elect.

III. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the General Executive Committee is to be held, shall fix the exact date of the meeting of said committee, and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

IV. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet at least one day before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee, for the purpose of nominating the members of the Standing Committees, and planning work for its session, and report the same at the opening of said committee.

V. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within the bounds of which the committee convenes shall preside over its meetings until a permanent organization is effected.

VI. The order of business shall be as follows :

1. Calling the roll.
2. Election of President and Secretary.
3. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.*, Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates, Committee on By-Laws.
4. Reception of Estimates, Memorials and Petitions.
5. Reports of Corresponding Secretaries.
6. Report of Committee of Reference.
7. Report of Constitutional Publication Committee.
8. Report of Official Correspondents and presentation of information from foreign work.
9. Fixing place of next meeting.
10. Notice of constitutional amendments.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Reports of Standing Committees daily, immediately after reading of minutes.

VII. The rules of order shall be as follows :

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. All ladies speaking shall rise when they address the Chair.
4. No member shall be granted leave or absence except by a vote of the entire body.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of the General Executive Committee to forward to our foreign treasurers, as soon as practicable after adjournment, a copy of the appropriations for each Mission.

IX. The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings, and enter them upon a suitable book of record, which shall be deposited in the safe of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and shall be transmitted to the next meeting of the General Executive Committee by the Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch.

X. A committee of two shall be appointed by the General Executive Committee to edit and publish a full report of the work of the Society as soon as practicable after the adjournment of said committee.

BY-LAWS
OF THE
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I. — BRANCH CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

1. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall superintend all the interests of their respective Branches; conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign Missionaries; be present at all Branch quarterly meetings, and present a quarterly report of the work of the Branch, and give to the public, or direct to be given, all communications and plans of the business of their respective Branches.

2. Each Corresponding Secretary shall be required to furnish in her report to the General Executive Committee the following items: Number of Auxiliary Societies, members, life members, honorary patrons and managers, subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and the receipts of the treasurer. In her report of the foreign work she shall include the number of Missionaries, Bible readers, boarding schools, and orphans supported by her Branch.

II. — BRANCH TREASURERS.

1. Branch Treasurers shall be required to publish each month in the *Heathen Woman's Friend* their report of moneys received. They shall forward the appropriations immediately after the close of the General Executive Committee, according to the appropriations for the next year, sending them directly to the Foreign Treasurers.

1. The financial year of the Society shall commence October 1, Branch Treasurers shall close their accounts for the year by September 30, as nearly as possible.

3. The money received from annual membership shall not be used to make life members, honorary managers, or honorary patrons. Life membership shall be made by the payment of twenty dollars, given specifically for that purpose. If in installments, the final payment shall be made as soon as practicable, and the membership reported as complete only when that has been done; all installments to be credited on the Treasurer's book, and acknowledged in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

4. In case any Branch is unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, any other Branch may, by the action of its Executive Board, be permitted to use its surplus funds in aid of the Branch deficient.

5. Any bequest or donation made to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Branch within whose territory the bequest or donation is made, unless otherwise specified by the donor.

III. — FOREIGN TREASURERS.

1. Our foreign treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved, to the Corresponding Secretary of the New York Branch, that she may present them to the authorities of the General Missionary Society for their action, on or before the first of October.

2. The Treasurers in the foreign fields are instructed to make their financial reports to the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

3. The Treasurers in the foreign fields are requested to forward promptly receipts for moneys received to the Branch Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries.

4. The salary of our Missionaries shall be paid in foreign fields on the basis of American gold.

5. The funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee, to be used only for the purpose designated by that committee.

6. If any surplus funds remain in the foreign treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must report to the Branches from whose moneys they accrue.

IV. — OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall correspond with the Missionaries, so as to be able to present a full report of the work in each Mission, such information to be presented to the General Executive Committee, the fields assigned to the several Secretaries to be arranged by themselves.

V. — THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

1. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, and organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. All cases of emergency that would come before the General Executive Committee, arising in the interim of its sessions, shall be submitted to this Committee, and decided by a majority vote.

4. The chairman shall send each resolution that is submitted to the committee to each member, and when all have returned their votes, she shall declare the result, and order the secretary to record both resolution and votes.

5. The committee shall present a full report of its action during the year to the General Executive Committee for approval and permanent record.

VI. — INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

We call the attention of the Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society especially to Article VIII, Section 3, of Constitution, in compliance with which they will consult the superintendent of the mission in which they are laboring on all general plans of their work, and advise with him as to the most effective measures to be taken in the purchase of property, building, and any important undertaking belonging to their special interest.

1. They are expected to attend the annual meeting or conference of their mission, that they may confer with other members of the mission upon all topics connected with their own department, and will report quarterly to the superintendent.

2. They will be expected to devote their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as all their temporal necessities will be provided for by the Society.

3. They are required to send annual and quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to them through that secretary or the correspondent appointed for their field by said committee, and no other instructions are to be considered as official.

4. They, with the wives of Missionaries who labor in the interest of the Society, shall constitute a committee to prepare, at each session of the conference or annual meeting of the Missionaries, the estimates for the ensuing year, which estimates shall have the sanction of said conference or annual meeting before being forwarded to the General Executive Committee.

5. They shall incur no expense during the year to be met by this Society for which the estimate has not previously been submitted to and approved by the General Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

6. They shall credit to the Society all donations received for the support of their work, and annually report the same with their financial statement.

7. All solicitations for funds for special work must be made through the proper official authorities, and Missionaries are instructed not to apply to private sources for aid for support of their work.

8. A Medical Missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; such receipts may be used for necessary expenses in her medical work; any surplus being remitted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

9. If there prove to be a manifest unfitness for Missionary labor, the General Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a Missionary whom it has appointed, three months' notice having been given to such appointee by the Committee of Reference, return passage to be paid by the Society, provided she return at the expiration of the three months.

10. A lady Missionary desiring her expenses paid by the Society for a return home from any other cause than that of ill health, must secure permission from the General Executive Committee or Committee of Reference through the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch supporting her.

11. All rules pertaining to the relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church with its Missionaries shall be published in the General Annual Report.

12. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch by which any Missionary is sent shall be required to sign the following contract: I,———, Corresponding Secretary of —— Branch, by which the money is raised for the support of ——, agree on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to pay the travelling expenses of —— from the time of her leaving home to that of her arrival in her field of labor, and also her salary from the latter date. In case of illness, I agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to submit a resolution to the General Executive Committee, or in the interim of its sessions, to the Committee of Reference, asking the privilege of her return home. Such permission being granted, I agree to pay her return passage; and in case her relations to the Society are harmonious, her salary for the first year, at the rate of three hundred and fifty dollars, or if it be inexpedient for her to return, at the rate of three hundred dollars.

In case of emergency demanding her immediate return home, she shall bring a certificate of disability from a physician and the superintendent of the Mission.

13. We agree to pay our Missionaries \$200 for personal outfit, and \$100 for the furnishing of the home, the latter to be the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

14. Each returned Missionary shall be expected to attend the first General Executive Committee session after her return, and her travelling expenses to and from the place of meeting shall be met by the Branch supporting her.

15. We accept the relation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the authorities of the church and to our workers in the field, as interpreted by the delegated conference in India, in their session of 1881, as follows:

OFFICIAL RELATION OF LADY MISSIONARIES.

WHEREAS, Certain usages having grown up and been found acceptable and successful in connection with our older mission fields in India, we deem it expedient to formulate the same in the following rules:

1. In general: The position of a lady Missionary placed in charge of work in connection with any of our circuits or stations is the same as that of a second Missionary or "junior preacher" to whom special work is assigned.

2. In particular: The general plan of work, such as establishing new schools, employing and dismissing head teachers, arranging terms of tuition, board, etc., and preparing a course of study, when these matters are not fixed by an Educational Committee, selecting classes of people among whom work may be most successfully carried on, arranging dispensaries and deciding the proportion of medical work to be given to natives and Europeans, Christians and non-Christians, etc., all such *general plans* shall be arranged by the lady in charge of the special department of work, after free consultation with the Superintendent or Presiding Elder.

3. The lady Missionary in charge of work has full liberty to do the work assigned her in her own way, and to carry out the internal arrangement of her department in the manner which she deems best adapted to secure success.

4. The relation of the Superintendent or Presiding Elder to the work under the charge of a lady is the same as it would be were it under the charge of a Member of Conference—he having a general advisory supervision, auditing the accounts (when not done by trustees), making suggestions, etc., exactly as with all the other work of his district.

5. Lady Missionaries in charge of work, and all Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are appointed by the President of Conference, at the same time and in the same manner that the appointments of Conference are made. Should, however, a President of Conference at any time decline so to appoint, the Superintendent or Presiding Elders in Council will arrange the same.

6. All new buildings or expensive repairs or changes shall receive the sanction of Superintendent or Presiding Elder, even though no appropriation of money be asked.

7. A class of laborers are employed in our work, known as "assistants." In the employment or dismissal of these ladies, the consent of the Superintendent of Mission or of the Presiding Elder must be secured. They may be transferred by the Presiding Elder, with the consent of the lady in charge of the department in which they are employed. When these lady assistants, being members of our church, by several years of faithful service, have come to be received as belonging permanently to our body of laborers, they may, on the recommendation of the Ladies' Society, when such exists, or by quarterly Conference, be formally recognized by Conference, and appointed the same as lady Missionaries are.

8. In case of a transfer of a lady Missionary or an "assistant" from one Conference or charge to another, a written permission shall be secured, signed by Superintendent or Presiding Elder in whose jurisdiction the person may be employed, when, according to the condition in Rule 7, the engagement may be completed.

REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Each Branch shall appoint a standing committee of five, of which the Branch Corresponding Secretary shall be chairman, who shall investi-

gate the case of any candidate within the limits of the Branch, and shall supply such candidate with blank for health certificate and constitutional questions, to be filled out and answered by her; and when practicable, a personal interview shall be had with the lady, by two or more of the committee before her papers are forwarded to the Reference Committee or the committee appointed at the General Executive Meeting.

2. A Missionary candidate must believe herself divinely called to the work of a foreign Missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to act in accordance with God's will.

3. She must here indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.

4. She must declare her intention to make foreign missionary work the service of her effective years, and agree to give at least five years of continuous service, as a single woman, to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, unless prevented by ill-health; this is not to be understood in the sense that the obligation to remain in the field ceases at five years, but that her obligation to refund passage and outfit money is binding for that length of time; she must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.

6. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-two years, nor more than thirty. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered as a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

7. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.

8. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions authorized by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

9. Every missionary candidate is required to sign the following contract:

I, — —, agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions while in the employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and failing in this, to refund the amount of outfit and passage money.

10. After the adoption of a missionary candidate, she shall be regarded as under the direction of the General Executive Committee, and of the Committee of Reference, in the interim of the sessions of that committee.

11. The case of any accepted candidate not sent out during the year, shall be brought before the General Executive Committee at its next session.

12. The testimonials of missionary candidates shall cover the following particulars: Divine call, religious experience and usefulness, intellectual qualities and culture, business and natural ability, and health. In order to fulfil these conditions, the candidate is requested to answer the following questions:

1. Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary?
2. Do you desire and intend to make this your life work, and are you willing to labor in any field?
3. Have you experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?
4. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ, and how has this desire been manifest in the past?
5. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as set forth in section 2 of the Discipline?
6. Have you a thorough English education?
7. Have you studied Latin or any modern language; what proficiency have you made, and do you readily acquire the same?
8. In what schools have you taught and with what success?
9. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?
10. What is the condition of your health?
11. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living?
12. Will you answer by *testimonials* to each of these questions?

VII.—HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.

1. The paper of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be known as the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.
2. Its editor and agent shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee.
3. In the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, the management of the paper shall be under the control of the Publication Committee provided by the Constitution.

VIII.—CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1. This committee shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.
2. It shall meet and organize immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.
3. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall give the Chairman an itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the paper, properly audited, by the 1st of October, and another six months thereafter. If she finds it necessary to deviate from the published instructions of the General Executive Committee, she shall lay the matter before this committee, and be subject to its direction.
4. A committee of five shall be appointed annually by the Constitutional Publication Committee, to whom shall be intrusted the investment and control of the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

5. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall commence and close her financial year with October 1.

6. If the office of editor or agent becomes vacant during the year, this committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy.

7. The travelling expenses of either the editor or agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and of the editor of leaflets, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

8. This Committee shall meet prior to each session of the General Executive Committee, and report to that body the work of the year.

9. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BOOKS SUITABLE FOR REFERENCE BY AUXILIARIES

BY METHODIST AUTHORS.

Missions and Missionaries Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by J. M. Reid, D. D. 2 vol. \$3.00.

Doomed Religious Essays on the Heathen and Mohammedan faiths, by various authors. \$1.50.

The Land of the Veda, by Rev. Wm. Butler, D. D. \$3.50.

From Boston to Bareilly, or Origin and Progress of M. E. India Mission, by Rev. Wm. Butler, D. D. \$1.50.

Indian Missionary Directory, by Rev. B. H. Badley, D. D. \$1.50.

Missionary Life in India, by Rev. T. J. Scott, D. D. \$1.50.

Gems of India, by Mrs. E. J. Humphrey. \$1.25.

Six years in India, by Mrs. E. J. Humphrey. \$1.00.

India, Country, People, Missions, by J. T. Gracey, D. D. \$1.00, cloth; paper, 50 cents.

Hand Book of India and British Burmah, by Rev. W. E. Robbins.

Four years in India, by Bishop Wm. Taylor.

The Mela at Tulsipur, (for children) by Rev. B. H. Badley, D. D. \$1.50.

Our Oriental Missions, by Bishop E. Thomson. 2 vols. \$2.00.

Round the World, by Bishop C. Kingsley. 2 vols. \$2.00.

The Orient and its People, by Mrs. I. L. Hauser. \$1.25.

Women of the Orient, by Rev. Ross C. Houghton, D. D. \$1.50.

Brahmoism, by Ram Chander Bose.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Mary Sparkes Wheeler. \$1.50.

Woman's Medical Work in Foreign Lands, by Mrs. J. T. Gracey. 30cts.

- Woman's Work in the Zenanas of India, by Rev. Wm. Arthur, D.D. 10cts.
 Historical Sketches of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies. Mrs. L. H. Daggett. 75cts.
 Woman and Missions, J. T. Gracey, D. D. 10cts.
 The Foreigner in China, by L. N. Wheeler, D. D. \$1.25.
 China and Japan, by Bishop Wiley. \$1.25.
 China, Country, People, Missions, J. T. Gracey, D. D. 15cts.
 Christian Adventures in South Africa, by Bishop Wm. Taylor.
 Our South American Cousins, by Bishop Wm. Taylor.
 Our Next Door Neighbor, (Mexico) by Bishop Gilbert Haven.
 Mexico, by Mrs. J. C. Shattuck. 15cts.
 Sister Ridnour's Sacrifice, by Mrs. C. F. Wilder. \$1.00.
 Open Doors, Opportunities and Needs of all Foreign Fields, J. T. Gracey, D. D. 15cts.
 Glimpses into Chinese Homes, Miss E. Yates. 30 cts.
 Peeps at Real Girls in China, Famous Filials, In Boats, Carts, Homes and Hearts in China, Miss Clara Cushman. 10cts.
 Missionary Addresses, by Dr. Thoburn. 40cts.
 La Platte Countries, by Mrs. E. J. Clemens.
 2000 miles through the heart of Mexico, by Rev. Dr. McCarthy.
 Around the world, (ch. South) Hendrix.
 Any of the above can be obtained of the agent, Miss. P. J. Walden, 36 Bromfield Street, Boston.

MISSIONARY PERIODICALS.

- The *Heathen Woman's Friend*, 36 Bromfield st., Boston, Mass.
 The Gospel in all Lands, \$2.00 per year, } Address, Gospel in all Lands,
 The Missionary World, 25c. per year, } Methodist Book Rooms, 805
 The Little Missionary, 25c. per year, } Broadway, New York City.
 The *Woman's Advocate of Missions*, } M. E. Church, South Nashville, Tenn.
 The Advocate of Missions, }
 The Baptist Missionary Magazine, } Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass.
 The *Helping Hand*, }
 The *Missionary Helper*, Free Baptist, Providence, R. I.
 The Missionary Herald, } Congregational House, Boston, Mass.
 Life and Light, }
 The Church at Home and Abroad, Presbyterian Publishing House, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Children's Work for Children, Presbyterian Publishing House, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Woman's Work for Woman, (Presbyterian), 23 Centre st., New York.
 The Missionary, (Presbyterian), South Richmond, Va.

- The Spirit of Missions, Protestant Episcopal Bible House, New York.
 The Lutheran Missionary Journal, York, Pa.
 The Methodist Protestant Missionary.
 The *Missionary Link*, Woman's Union, Bible House, New York.
 The Missionary Review of the World, No. 20 Astor Place, New York.
Friend's Missionary Advocate, 56 Wabash ave., Chicago, Ill.
Woman's Evangel, (United Brethren), Dayton, Ohio.
 The Missionary Record, (Cumberland Presbyterian), St. Louis, Mo.
 The Missionary Outlook, (Methodist), Toronto, Can.
 Our Mission News, (Church of England), Toronto, Can.
 The Indian Witness, Calcutta, India, or Miss Walden, 36 Bromfield st., Boston.

MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORS.

OTHER RELIGIONS.

- The Religions of China *Legge.*
 Short Chapters on Buddhism *Titcomb.*
 Muhammedan Missionary Problem *Jessup.*
 Religion in China *Edkins.*
 The Faiths of the World *St. Giles' Lectures.*
 Christianity and Islam *Stevens.*
 Christ and Other Masters *Hardwick.*
 Ten Great Religions *Clarke.*
 The Faith of Islam *Sell.*
 Life of Bishop Harrington. *Dawson.*
 Life of Fidelia Fiske
 Africa Unveiled *Rowley.*
 Twelve Months in Madagascar *Mullens.*
 Martyr Church of " *Ellis.*
 Africa in a Nutshell *Thompson.*
 Western Africa *Wilson.*
 Heart of Africa *Schweinfurth.*
 Life and Labors of Robert Moffat *Walters.*
 History of Protestant Missions *Warneck.*
 Moravian Missions *Thompson.*
 Missions, American Board: India, Sandwich Islands, Oriental
 Churches *Dr. Anderson.*
 Around the World, tour of Christian Missions. *Bainbridge.*
 Heroes of the Mission Field *Walsh.*
 Master Missionaries *Japp.*
 Modern Missions, Trials and Triumphs *Young.*
 Missions and Science. A. B. C. F. M. Ely Volume *Lowrie.*
 Twenty Years Among the Mexicans *Rankin.*

Mexico, Past and Present		<i>H. More Johnson.</i>
A Study of Mexico		<i>Wells.</i>
Old Mexico and her Lost Provinces		<i>Bishop.</i>
The Aztecs		<i>Biart.</i>
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Women of the Arabs		<i>Dr. Jessup.</i>
Syrian Home Life		"
Romance of Missions		<i>M. A. West.</i>
Foreign Missions. \$1.00		<i>Dr. Christlieb.</i>
" " \$1.50		<i>Dr. R. Anderson.</i>
These for Those. Our Indebtedness to Foreign Missions \$1.50.		<i>Dr. W. Warren.</i>
Life of Judson		<i>Dr. Wayland.</i>
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Life of Dr. Duff		<i>Geo. Smith.</i>
Life of Dr. Carey		
Korea, the Hermit Nation		<i>Griffis.</i>
Korea Without and Within.		"
Protestant Missions in India		<i>Sherring.</i>
Shoshie, the Hindoo Zenana Teacher		<i>Brittian.</i>
Life by the Ganges		<i>Mullens.</i>
Kardoo, or the Hindoo Girl		
Our India Mission (U. P.)		<i>Gordon.</i>
Our Gold Mine		<i>Chapin.</i>
Self-Support in Bassein		<i>Carpenter.</i>
Missionary Sketches		<i>Smith.</i>
Siam.		<i>Cort.</i>
Siam and Laos		<i>American Missionaries.</i>
Life in Hawaii		<i>Caan.</i>
Missions in Tonga and Fiji		<i>Lavry.</i>
Forty Years' Work in Polynesia		<i>Murray.</i>
Congo Free States		<i>Stanley.</i>
Through the dark Continent		"
Zulu Land		<i>Grant.</i>
Middle Kingdom, or Chinese Empire		<i>Wells Williams.</i>
The Dragon, Image and Demon		<i>Du Bose.</i>
The Chinese		<i>Martin.</i>
China and the Chinese		<i>Nevius.</i>
Our Life in China		<i>Mrs. Nevius.</i>
Social Life of the Chinese. 2 vols.		<i>Doolittle.</i>
Mikado's Empire		<i>Griffis.</i>
Japan. 2 vols.		<i>Alcock.</i>
Unbeaten Tracks in Japan		<i>Bird.</i>
Budget of Letters from Japan		<i>Arthur Maclay.</i>

FORMS FOR WILL AND DEVISE.

Special attention is called to the following form of Bequest and Devise required by the incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York.....Dollars, to be paid to the Treasurer of said Society, whose receipt shall be sufficient acquittance to my executors therefor.

FORM OF DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

I hereby give and devise to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," [describe land, etc., intended to be given to the Society], and to their successors and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Prompt notice of all bequests and devises should be given to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within which the donor resides.

Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, 230 West 59th street, New York, is the Treasurer of the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, with power to sign release to executors, through whom the Society may receive bequests, and to perform such other acts as are required by the Act of Incorporation, and which cannot be legally executed by Branch Treasurers.

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

The corresponding Secretaries of the several Branches, constitute a Committee of Reference, of which Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, No. 230 West Fifty-ninth street, New York, is Chairman, and Mrs. B. R. Cowen, 7 Crescent Place, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, is Secretary.

All communications to be brought before the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY in the interim of the General Executive Committee, must be addressed to the Chairman of the Committee. All estimates to be presented to the General Executive Committee meeting in October should be forwarded to her in advance, sanctioned by the proper authorities in the mission field.

